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## Washed out Kannat Tabla road leaves many residents helpless

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The Department Public Works worked through Saturday and Sunday to make the main road in Kannat Tabla passable after torrential rains from Typhoon Champi washed out dirt and exposed cracks and water pipes that blocked residents from leaving.

The office of Rep. Lorenzo Guerrero and DPW were able to provide the necessary materials for backfilling to make the roads passable for residents, *Saipan Tribune* learned yesterday.

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## Inos creates anti-'ice' task force

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Inos

Gov. Eloy S. Inos signed Sunday an executive order to establish an inter-agency "War on Ice" task force, saying the alarming rate that crystal methamphetamine, or "ice," is spreading throughout the Commonwealth is tearing apart the fabric of the community.

Inos, in his order, said the formation of

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Left, crater-like potholes were left along Kannat Tabla Drive after heavy runoff washed off the road during Tropical Storm Champi. Right, Kannat Tabla resident Maria Dizon steps down to one of the huge cracks in the road.

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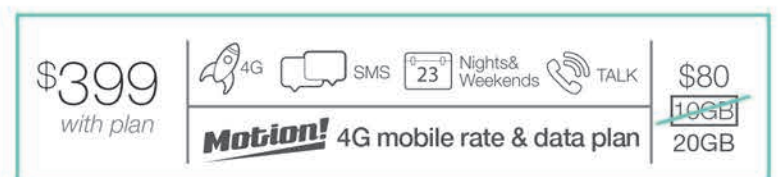


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## Local

# Tinian mayor gives updates on Champi recovery efforts

As a result of Tropical Storm Champi's approach to the CNMI and island of Tinian, Mayor Joey P. San Nicolas called a RAC Team meeting at 3pm on Thursday, Oct. 15, 2015. The Municipal Operations Center was partially activated shortly after the RAC Team was convened. All members of the RAC and MOC teams were assigned into shifts to ensure that all sections of the incident command center were manned in 12-hour shifts.

Throughout Tropical Storm Champi's progress, the Municipality of Tinian experienced significant flooding and loss of power as a result of downed power lines, damaged trans-

formers, and fallen power poles on Oct. 16, 2015. With CUC and Telesource's efforts, power was restored to about 90 percent of Tinian residents on the evening of Oct. 17, 2015.

In addition to power, a main pipeline alongside a road to Carolinas Heights that supplied water to San Jose Village incurred major damage as a result of flooding, runoff, and impacts from debris. This situation cut off water supply to approximately 70 percent of Tinian residents. This prompted the MOC to implement two different water distribution centers for home usage. The size and type of pipe damaged along this approximately 740-foot stretch

of pipeline is not available on Tinian. Continued efforts in coordinating with CUC Saipan and Homeland Security for transportation of the needed pipe supplies are ongoing and we are hopeful that they will be shipped to Tinian as soon as possible. As we anticipate this shipment, Tinian CUC staff led by the Water Distribution Division, with the help of Star Marianas Airlines, was able to fly over a minimal length of this pipe from Saipan late evening on Sunday, Oct. 18, 2015. CUC worked throughout the evening until early morning on Monday, Oct. 19, 2015, and were able to provide water back to Tinian residents.



Unfortunately, this is only a Band-Aid approach until such time the pipe supplies from Saipan are shipped to Tinian.

Although, Champi was designated only as a tropical storm, the heavy rain, strong winds, and flooding created major damage on main roads, homes, and critical infrastructures such as the main water pipeline alongside a road to Carolinas Heights, damaged road surfaces, etc. We are currently in the

Main water pipeline damage alongside Carolinas Heights.

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process of our recovery efforts in three different phases and we are anticipating completion of our islandwide recovery efforts in approximately four days.

We want to extend our sincerest appreciation and extend *un sen dangkulu na si yu 'us ma 'ase* to all our first responders, our MOC team, our Recovery Teams, and, most especially, to Telesource and our Tinian CUC staff for the restoration of power and water to Tinian residents and businesses. (*Office of the Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan*)



Main road sustains damage due to heavy flooding.

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# Senate OKs bill to mandate FTZs in Northern Islands

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The Senate has passed a bill that tasks government agencies to expeditiously establish free trade zones in the Northern Islands.

Senate Bill 19-29, SD1 states that “no action” has been taken on establishing free trade zones in the Northern Islands despite a previous law that established this provision. This inaction has “continued to delay economic growth for the Northern Islands,” the bill states.

The bill tasks the departments

of Public Works, Public Lands, and Lands and Natural Resources, along with the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality and the Commonwealth Ports Authority to “work expeditiously” with the Northern Islands mayor to identify these free trade zones.

A free trade zone is a designated area that eliminates traditional trade barriers, such as tariffs, and minimizes bureaucratic regulations, and is generally near a port of entry, and encompass economic benefits like the deferral or elimination of customs duties, exemption from

certain taxes, and inverted tariff relief, according to the U.S. Small Business Administration.

S.B. 19-29 tasks DPL to designate 30 hectares of public land on Rota, 30 hectares of public land on Tinian, and 30

hectares on any island in the Northern Islands for these free trade zones.

In the event that DPL does not designate land within these islands within 180 days after the bill is made law, then the

respective mayor may petition the Legislature to make the public land designation through a House or Senate bill.

“The resettlement of the residents of the Northern Islands was...hampered due to

the lack of economic resources or any economic activity as a result of inaction.

“The Northern Islands contain many resources available for free trade zones activities that in turn may benefit the Northern Islands in bringing about economic growth,” the bill states.

## \$970,000 appropriation bill for health services is now with Inos

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REPORTER

Now under review by the administration of Gov. Eloy S. Inos is a legislative bill to appropriate \$970,000 from a “Cancer Fund Special Account” to support programs at the local hospital and the Medical Referral Services, among others.

The Senate recently approved House Bill 19-101, HD1, which notes that local programs need

funding for health services “not readily available within the Commonwealth.”

The Cancer Fund Special Account is effectively zeroed out with the appropriation bill. It moves \$150,000 to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. for the Division of Public Health Service’s Oral Health Program. It moves \$250,000 to the CNMI Medical Referral Services for stipends of patients and escorts on medical

referrals outside the CNMI. The stipends are limited to \$20 per day for patient and escort.

The bill also moves \$20,000 to CHCC for the Interisland Medical Referral Program. It also moves \$100,000 to the hospital’s Community Drug Free Rehabilitation Program under the Community Guidance Center.

The bill appropriates \$250,000 to the CNMI Medicaid Agency for matching funds

for two initiatives: the establishment of a “Medicaid Claims Data Repository” and the creation of “Health Information Technology” and “Health Information Exchange” programs.

A total of \$200,000 is also allocated to the Commonwealth Cancer Association.

This bill, among nine in all, is currently under review by the CNMI Attorney General’s Office, *Saipan Tribune* learned yesterday.

## Judge OKs \$924,275 in payments for some delayed CUC projects

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REPORTER

The federal court has approved a joint request filed by the U.S. government, the CNMI government, and the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. for partial and full payments totaling \$924,275.40 to Gilbane Federal for its costs incurred for performing some stalled CUC projects.

Gilbane Federal is a California-based construction company selected by the federal court as the Engineering and Environmental Management Company that will have the power to expeditiously complete some CUC projects.

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated Judge David O. Carter approved the joint stipulation that seeks payment for EEMC invoices incurred through Aug. 31, 2015.

U.S. Department of Justice Environmental Enforcement Section senior attorney Bradley R. O’Brien signed the stipulation on behalf of the U.S. government. Attorney James S. Sirok represented CUC, while assistant attorney general Tere-sita Sablan signed as counsel for the CNMI government.

With Carter’s order, the EEMC will be paid \$132,555 pursuant to Task Order 1 for EEMC activities such as providing construction management, oversight, and court required activities.

With the judge’s approval, the EEMC will be paid \$336,730 pursuant to Task Order 2 for EEMC activities relating to the CUC pipeline project.

O’Brien, Sirok and Sablan said the U.S. government and CUC are continuing to discuss the EEMC Task Orders 1 and 2 funding request and reserve all rights to contest payment of those funds.

The lawyers, however, agree that the EEMC shall be paid \$132,555 and \$336,730 in “good faith” prior to reaching a final resolution of Task Orders 1 and 2 costs incurred through Aug. 31, 2015.

With Carter’s approval, the EEMC will also be paid \$375,000 pursuant to Task Or-

der 3 for activities relating to Tank 102. This payment will fully satisfy all Task Order 3 expenses incurred by the EEMC and no further Task Order 3 payments shall be made. As a result of the full payment, the EEMC will not incur or seek additional expenses associated with Task Order 3, which will then be terminated.

Finally, the EEMC will be paid \$79,990.40 pursuant to Task Order 4 for EEMC activities relating to CUC facility drainage. The payment will fully satisfy all Task Order 4 expenses incurred by the EEMC through Aug. 31, 2015.

Carter also granted the parties’ request to modify previous court order to allow the EEMC 20 days after each month to file with the court and to preserve the parties with an invoice of the EEMC’s expenses incurred during the preceding month.

Last February, Carter approved CUC’s request to deposit \$300,000 in court and allow Gilbane Federal to perform construction management for CUC’s Tank 102 project.

The Tank 102 project involves a 500,000-gallon diesel fuel tank that will replace Tank 010, which has been found to be a source of pollution and is unrepairable.

The U.S. government, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the CNMI government did not object to CUC’s request to allow Gilbane Federal to perform Tank 102 activities.

CUC counsel Sirok stated in their request that the utilities agency shall be solely responsible for funding Gilbane’s task order activities.

Last Jan. 12, Carter clarified that Tank 102 remains the responsibility of CUC, including CUC’s obligation to fund and construct the tank.

Sirok said the \$300,000 will be withdrawn from the contingency fund being maintained by CUC.

Upon completion of task orders and after full payment is made to Gilbane, funds remaining from CUC’s \$300,000 court registry deposit shall be returned to CUC.

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# Kensington Jeju Hotel: Best of the E Land brands

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**JEJU ISLAND, South Korea**—The Kensington hotel brand is among the popular ones in South Korea.

With over 26 hotels in the country, the E Land Group boasts of Kensington Jeju Hotel in Jeju Island as the best of their best.

The hotel is just one of the five properties that they have on island but it clearly stands out. It is not what you would call loudly extravagant, but classy and elegant. Just walking inside the hotel's lobby, one can see what a piece of art it is, not only literally as its walls are also decorated by works of various artists.

Aside from the marine theme of the hotel's exterior and interior designs, Kensington Jeju

Hotel's concept is inspired by various artists with the lobby gallery having elements of sky, wind, mountains, and sea.

A 24-meter wall in the central lobby is also where you will find the porcelain mural of Zhu, Le Geng, the leading porcelain artist of China, named Life in Bloom. In another wall, you can see an ink painting of Jia, Hao Yi, also a Chinese artist.

Kensington Jeju Hotel has 221 rooms, at least three of which are presidential suite rooms.

During a tour, Stella Park, the hotel's concierge, showed us around the top of one of the presidential suite rooms, which is 176 square meters in size. It has one bedroom, two bathrooms, a study, a living room, and a veranda that has its own Jacuzzi.

The presidential suites have

their own themes such as golf, marina, and traditional Korean.

Park says most of their guests here are VIPs and a night would cost more than \$5,000.

A notch lower, Park also showed us around their 82-square-meter suite room, which has a kitchenette and a living room complete with complementary items as well as a veranda overlooking the hotel property and Jeju Island's scenic ranges. A night here would cost no less than a \$1,000.

Though their rooms are really luxurious, not only is Kensington Jeju Hotel the best of the E Land brands because of that but also because of their amenities.

The hotel has three swimming pools, one partly indoor and outdoor, and another one, which is an infinity pool at the top of its six-floor facility. The

infinity pool, called "Skyfinity" is accessible only for adults. Warm water is used for all their pools.

It also has three restaurants, an Italian, a Korean, and a buffet restaurant.

Another E Land property in Jeju is the Kensington Resort where 250,000 people a year stays, half of the total of the visitor arrivals in the CNMI.

It is a quiet resort that is frequented by Korean guests and is catered to families and couples. It is closer to nature with its wide garden lined on both sides by two rivers, which flows from Jeju's highest peak down to the ocean.

"The main purpose why we're here is we want to show what the value, what kind of items, what kind of condition of the hotel that we're going to open for Kensington Saipan,"

Ted Jung said.

For Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Perry Tenorio, it is an opportunity for the Saipan community to see what Kensington has in store for the CNMI.

"I think us being here is a very positive sign that Kensington is moving forward with the opening of their property," Tenorio said.

Aside from hotels and resorts, E Land Group also has industries in fashion and retail, restaurants, interior design, construction, and furniture.

Last year, their total revenue reached up to \$10 billion.

"It just goes to show how diverse and big E Land is. And for them to choose the CNMI is really a complement," Tenorio said.

The E Land Group, which acquired the former Palms Resort

to open and re-brand as Kensington Hotel Saipan, was earlier set to open on December. But due to challenges on Saipan the past months, it has been moved to a later date.

Jung said E Land will make the official announcement of their opening on Wednesday.

## INOS

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a task force to address this problem will promote interagency collaboration, the sharing of ideas and law-enforcement intelligence, and will allow for the issue of "ice" use to be "addressed from multiple perspectives."

"The War on Ice Task Force" will address the proliferation and negative impact of crystal methamphetamine within the Commonwealth, the order states.

According to the order, the task force will file a report every six months that would detail its efforts and progress.

## Members

According to the executive order, the CNMI lieutenant governor will be the chairman of the task force. It will include the commissioners of the departments of Public Safety and Corrections; the special assistant for Homeland Security and Management; the chief of customs of the Customs Service under the Finance Department; the chief of the Commonwealth Ports Authority Police; one senior staff member each from the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., Community Guidance Center, and Public School System; one judge or justice from the Judiciary; one member each from the House of Representatives and Senate, and the attorney general and one assistant attorney general.

The respective heads of each body will make these appointments.

## Purpose

According to the order, the task force will remain in existence for two years. It may be extended past that date by an additional executive order.

The task force will be responsible for formulating policy at all levels aimed at combating the epidemic and coordinating and planning all possible means of tackling the problem of crystal methamphetamine in the Commonwealth.

The task force is responsible for promotion of interagency collaboration and sharing of ideas to combat the problem of ice, the order says.

The task force will have at least three committees: one on enforcement, another on mental health, and another on community use and prevention. The task force chairman will appoint members.

HANAIVY BABAUTA

Kensington Jeju Hotel is the best of E Land's 26 hotels in South Korea. It has 221 rooms, three pools, and three restaurants among its many amenities.



## WASHED

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Public Works Secretary James Ada said they dispatched a grader and compactor to fix the road on Saturday.

Guerrero, who was at the site on both days, estimated that about 238 cubic yards of crushed coral were used for backfilling.

"Roughly, it wasn't enough to repair the entire length of the road," Guerrero said. "But it was ample enough to fill in all the cracks, the areas that were impassable."

Ada separately estimated they needed 20 to 25 loads of a 10-cubit-yard dump truck to cover the entire length of the road, which was about a mile or

mile-and-a-half long.

The road in Kannat Tabla, technically called Kannat Tabla Drive, is an unpaved road that has always been subject to severe erosion during heavy downpours.

"It was not a road when I saw it Saturday," Ada told *Saipan Tribune* in an interview at his office yesterday. "It's hard, I feel sorry for the people."

He said Public Works was still on site yesterday and they hope to fix the road by today.

"We are leveling, coralizing it, and at the same time grading it and using the compactor to make it firm. We are going to fix those laterals. We are not going to get out of there 'til we are done with all those laterals [the roads that lead into residences]," he said.

Maria Dizon, who has been living in Kannat Tabla for about a year and a half now, says the road has always been a problem for all those who live there, as it is filled with potholes that cause great discomfort to drivers and passengers alike.

"When it rains, the roads became eroded due to flowing water. [Public] school buses would juggle up and down because of the rough road," she said.

The road sustained heavy damage when Typhoon Soudelor hit Saipan in August. Although the potholes were covered up and smoothed over, this proved to be a temporary solution when Typhoon Champi—at the time a tropical storm—hit last week.

"This is was the worst experience so far because the roads looked like it crumbled away," Dizon told *Saipan Tribune*. "The water pipes were exposed and broken. Cars also became stuck because the road did not seem like a road, but more like ditches spaced apart. Many residents were stranded and had to walk to the main road if they needed to go somewhere."

"Bottom-line, the road needs to be fixed," Guerrero said. "[It] needs to be paved but it has to come along with a drainage system. We need a drainage system."

Federal funds could be tapped to fix the road. Guerrero said Public Works could request the U.S. Department of Transportation to reclass-

sify the road to avail of federal funding for pavement, drainage, and maintenance.

As the road connects to Route 31—a federally funded road—he said this factor might support reclassification.

Guerrero urges that the road be included in the Public Works' Road Master Plan in the next couple of years. He said it is "prime time to start the process," referring to the engineering and contracting aspect of the work.

Dizon is just thankful to all the people who came to their aid and tried to fix the damaged road as soon as possible. "Instead of filling up the gaps every time it rains, I hope we can come up with a permanent solution to ensure our safety," she said.



# Man, 58, pleads guilty to watching a girl shower

Childhood obesity problem unites Pacific, Africa

**NOUMEA, New Caledonia**—The urgent global public health problem of childhood obesity will bring the Director-General of the Pacific Community, Dr. Colin Tukuitonga, to West Africa this week.

Tukuitonga will chair the final African Region Consultation for the World Health Organisation's Commission on Ending Childhood Obesity in Accra, Ghana, on Oct. 22 to 23.

According to WHO, 42 million children under the age of 5 were overweight or obese in 2013.

In addition to increased future risk of obesity, premature death and disability in adulthood, obese children experience breathing difficulties, increased risk of hypertension, early markers of cardiovascular disease, insulin resistance and psychological effects, WHO data indicates.

Tukuitonga is one of 15 members of the WHO commission that is tasked with producing a report specifying which approaches and combinations of interventions are likely to be most effective in tackling childhood and adolescent obesity in different contexts around the world.

"In the Pacific Islands region, we're raising the most obese generation in our history, with almost 25 percent of boys and 20 percent of girls aged between 13 and 15 classified as obese, and sadly this is a pattern we see repeated in other parts of the world, including Africa," Tukuitonga said.

"The commission's draft report states that the health, so-

cial and societal consequences of childhood obesity merit urgent action and affects both developed and developing economies.

"I look forward to hearing more about the African perspective, including some of the solutions being driven by governments, civil society, non-government actors and the private sector which will inform the Commission's final report, and also to sharing the Pacific experience," he said.

The Draft Final Report of the Commission is open for comment from relevant stakeholders until Nov. 13, 2015, before its final report is due in December: <http://www.who.int/end-childhood-obesity/final-report-for-comment/en/>.

Tukuitonga was also part of the WHO commission hearings held earlier this year in the Philippines and New Zealand. The commission is co-chaired by Sir Peter David Gluckman, chief science adviser to the Prime Minister of New Zealand, and Dr. Sania Nishtar, founder and president of Heartfile, Pakistan.

Public health is a focus area of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, the principal scientific and technical agency supporting development in the Pacific region since 1947.

The vast Pacific Islands region spans around 36 million square kilometers of ocean, an area larger than the African continent. Yet only 1.5 percent of this total area is land—a fact recognized by Pacific leaders when they adopted the term "Large Ocean Island States." (*SPC*)

A 58-year-old man accused of peeping at a 17-year-old girl who was showering inside her home in Kagman pleaded guilty and was slapped with a five-day prison term.

Ricardo San Nicolas Muña pleaded guilty to disturbing the peace as part of a plea deal.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho sen-

tenced Muña to the maximum imprisonment of six months, all suspended except for five days, with credit for five days of time served. That means he will no longer serve more time in prison.

Muña was placed on probation for five months and 25 days. He was required to pay \$25 in court costs and \$25 in probation fee.

Muña is prohibited from hav-

ing any contact with the teenager during his probation. He is also required to attend alcohol counseling and prohibited from possessing or consuming any alcoholic beverages or controlled substances.

The girl was showering on May 29, 2015, when she saw Muña watching her, causing her to scream and panic.

Police said Muña watched the girl through an opening in the door. The girl told police that Muña did the same thing a month before.

Assistant attorney general Shannon Foley represented the government at the hearing. Assistant public defender Tillman Clark served as counsel for Muna. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

## Ex-JROTC instructor pleads not guilty to sex assault allegations

Ernest R. Torres, a former Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps instructor at Marianas High School, pleaded not guilty yesterday to allegations that he sexually assaulted the school's JROTC female battalion commander in May.

At the arraignment before

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho, Torres, through counsel Vince Torres, waived reading of the information and pleaded not guilty to the charges of sexual assault in the second degree and assault and battery.

Torres, 58, was not arrested.


The Superior Court's clerk of court instead summoned him to appear in court yesterday at 9am for the arraignment.

Assistant attorney general Matthew C. Baisley appeared for the government. He stated in the information that Torres, at the time the JROTC instructor at

MHS, "knowingly and repeatedly and without consent engaged in sexual contact" with a female student on May 12, 2015.

At the time of the incident, Baisley said, the student was 18 years old and a battalion commander of the school's JROTC.

Baisley said Torres was the student's JROTC instructor. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)



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Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, through its Chairman of the Board, is hereby giving notice that a Regular Board Meeting is scheduled on **Thursday, October 22, 2015 10:00 a.m. at the NMHC's Conference Room, Garapan, Saipan**. The public is welcome to submit written or oral comments regarding the agenda below. Individuals interested in attending the meeting and needing special accommodations are requested to contact NMHC in advance.

- I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS**
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- VI. LEGAL COUNSEL'S PENDING/ONGOING REPORT**
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- VIII. OTHER MATTERS**
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# Southwest monsoon spreading haze into Marianas

Multiple wildfires across Indonesia and Papua New Guinea are being blamed for the haze across the Marianas.

Citing data from the National Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam, the CNMI Emergency Operations Center said yesterday that southwest winds across Western Micronesia and the Marianas have brought a plume of haze to the region that will likely persist for the next few days.

"Satellite imagery shows numerous smoke plumes from fires across portions of Indonesia and Papua New Guinea. Model data suggests these fires are the source of the haze affecting the Marianas," the EOC advisory stated.

Although wet weather is ex-

pected through midweek across the Marianas, no change to the wind flow pattern is expected. As a result, this diffuse haze is expected to continue through at least midweek, the EOC said.

The haze is expected to reduce visibility at times and

may cause some minor respiratory issues. Those with respiratory issues should limit their time outdoors.

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. advises residents with respiratory issues and allergies to be alert for the haze out-

doors as it may have an effect on them. If you experience difficulty in breathing or encounter allergies, proceed to the emergency room or call 234-8950.

Residents and visitors are advised to stay tuned to their radio stations and local media sources

for the latest updates from NWS and the CNMI EOC. For more information contact the CNMI

EOC at (670) 237-8000 or on HF single side band radio at frequency 5.205.0. **(HSEM)**

## MYPros backs breast cancer awareness campaign in Oct.

October doesn't just bring us spiced treats, candies, and haunted attractions; it's also Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Throughout the month of October, the Marianas Young Professionals, or MYPros, will help support breast cancer awareness in the community through its "Cancer Doesn't Discriminate" campaign. The original dates set for awareness activities were postponed to this week due to the inclement weather and damaging storm. MYPros apologizes for any inconvenience and scheduling conflict this may cause with other events planned this week.

This Thursday, Oct. 22, 2015, MYPros will hold a roadside waving at the Bank of Guam traffic light intersection (Route 308) from 4pm to 6:30pm. MYPros officially became the 23rd member of the Adopt a Highway Program of the Department of Public Works back in June 2015.

On Saturday, Oct. 24, 2015, MYPros, in partnership with the Marianas Walking Association, PDI, KKMP, IT&E, Bridge Capital LLC, and Foremost, will host its first annual Breast Cancer Aqua Walk from 6am to 10am at Aquarius beach front in Chalan Kanoa. The boundaries will be set for this 2-mile course which would be at least 20 laps in the ocean and/or two walks on the beach side to and from the Sugar

Dock mark to the mark in front of CK Beach Club.

Registration begins at 5am and is free and open to the public. All participants will be issued a free bottle of Foremost Pink Fruita+. The first 100 participants will receive a complimentary gift from IT&E. Minors under 18 must have adult supervision.

In the aftermath of Typhoon Soudelor and Tropical Storm Champi, MYPros is also hosting a THINK PINK! spirit contest during the Aqua

Walk open to all participating high schools. The "Most Spirited Class" from one of the high schools will win \$500 in cash.

"In the spirit of recovery and resiliency, we hope to make this a fun-filled event for the entire family," said Nola Hix, MYPros vice president.

"Our purpose is not only to engage our community and raise awareness in an effort to save lives and keep families together, but to also bring the community together," said Bo Palacios, MYPros president.

Marianas Young Professionals is a non-profit organization whose mission is to connect passionate young professionals with opportunities for social and professional growth and civic engagement for the benefit of the Commonwealth. To learn more, visit [www.mypros.org](http://www.mypros.org) or email [mypros.670@gmail.com](mailto:mypros.670@gmail.com). **(MYPros)**



## Free film workshop rescheduled



The Northern Marianas Humanities Council wishes to inform the public that the free film workshop originally scheduled for last Saturday has been rescheduled to Saturday, Oct. 24.

This workshop, facilitated by Galvin S. Deleon Guerrero, will cover aspects of film

production from pre-production to pro-production. It will also provide tips on how to use affordable equipment to achieve a professional look.

The workshop will be held from 8am to 12pm at Mount Carmel School's Maturana Building in Chalan Kanoa. It is free and open to the public.

Interested individuals who have not already registered may do so by sending your name and contact number to [northernmarianashumanities@gmail.com](mailto:northernmarianashumanities@gmail.com) or by calling staff at 235-4787. Please reserve your seat by no later than 4pm on Friday, Oct. 23. **(NMI Humanities Council)**

# Are You

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**(B) Not younger than 16 or older than age 24 and**

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School year calendar is based on how the local school district defines its school year quarters.

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5. A homeless individual, a runaway, an individual who is in foster care or has aged out of the foster care system, a child eligible for assistance under Section 477 of the Social Security Act, or an individual who is an out-of-home placement
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## NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, the Commonwealth Ports Authority hereby gives notice that a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday, October 21, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. in the CPA Conference Room, Second Floor of the Captain George Fleming Building, at the Port of Saipan.

The following items are on the agenda for the above-referenced meeting:

### AGENDA

<p><b>I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Call to Order</li> <li>2. Roll Call</li> </ol> <p><b>II. PUBLIC COMMENT</b></p> <p><b>III. EXECUTIVE SESSION</b></p> <p><b>IV. SPECIAL AGENDA ITEMS</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Typhoon Soudelor: Emergency Procurement/Damage Report (Executive Director &amp; Seaport/Airport Managers)</li> <li>2. CPA Contract Approvals</li> <li>3. CPA Lease Matters</li> <li>4. Airport Rate Study and charges Methodology/Ricondo &amp; Associates Presentation/Approval</li> <li>5. Master Concession: Pending Legislation and Assembly of RFP Working Group with Ricondo &amp; Associates</li> <li>6. Delta Airlines Shares: Reporting and Sale of Shares</li> <li>7. PRATC/ARFF: Palau Aerodrome Workshop/Status Report: Fiscal/ Administrative/ Operational</li> <li>8. Port of Saipan: Delta Dock: RFQ and Miss Saipan Status</li> <li>9. CJMT/DIVERT: Status Report on DEIS &amp; General Toth/Col. Cardoza Meeting</li> </ol> <p><b>V. ADJOURNMENT</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Adoption of Agenda</li> <li>4. Adoption of Minutes (July 15 and September 28, 2015)</li> </ol>
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All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items.

/s/ JOSE R. LIFOI  
Chairman, Board of Directors

October 19, 2015



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David Kapileo  
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**INVITATION FOR BIDS**  
**DPW-16-IFB-001**

**Construction of Generator Housing and Supply, Delivery and Installation of New 40KV Generator and Electrical Connections for the Marpi Cemetery. Saipan**

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the **Construction of Generator Housing and Supply, Delivery and Installation of New 40KV Generator and Electrical Connections for the Marpi Public Cemetery**. Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **October 06, 2015** at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan. A non-refundable payment to One Hundred Dollars (US\$100.00) is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **October 23, 2015**, 2:00 p.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **October 27, 2015** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked **"DPW-16-IFB-001"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, former Emergency Management Office, Ascension Drive, Capitol Hill Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **November 05, 2015**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **November 05, 2015**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com or camachot74@gmail.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **November 05, 2015** and must be received no later than **November 16, 2015**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, former Emergency Management Office, Ascension Drive, Capitol Hill Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time **November 19, 2015**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:30 a.m. local time, on **November 16, 2015**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (**\$25,000.00**) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **\$70-30.3-245**. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

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4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and

5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **Ninety (90) calendar days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of **One Hundred Dollars (US\$100.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.;

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/s/ ELOY S. INOS, GOVERNOR  
Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands

/s/ JAMES A. ADA  
Secretary of Public Works

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN  
Director of Procurement & Supply



FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho presents a certificate of completion to deputy clerk I and judicial assistant Delia Salas Magofna, who was involved in 25 jury trials and 32 bench trials in less than three years. Also in the photo is Camacho's law clerk, Finella Murphy.

# Camacho honors hard work of judicial assistant Magofna

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho presented yesterday a certificate of completion to deputy clerk and judicial assistant Delia Salas Magofna for her involvement in 25 jury trials and 32 bench trials in the CNMI in less than three years.

"Delia is an essential part of the court and chamber, and I value her hard work and dedication. Her professionalism and positive attitude makes working with her a wonderful experience," Camacho said.

Assigned to Camacho's courtroom, Magofna's duties include maintaining the record, logging objections, keeping track of exhibits, ensuring the smooth functioning of the court-

room, coordinating with other court personnel to serve jury summons, roll call during jury selection, announcing the verdict, processing jury documents after the trial, and preserving the file for any appeals.

Magofna has a "deep confidence and grace under pressure," said Camacho, whose courtroom averages about one jury trial every six weeks and even more bench trials.

"Every trial has its unique challenges and Delia is able to adjust and anticipate overcoming them," the judge noted.

Magofna said she enjoys working with everybody at the Superior and Supreme courts.

"I am thankful to Judge Camacho for having me under

his wings," Magofna said. Magofna had been involved in some sensational trials like the Joseph A. Crisostomo murder trial, robbery, burglary, drug trafficking, sex crimes, as well as civil cases involving multi-million dollars.

These numerous trials along with evidentiary hearings and other court proceedings were conducted by Camacho on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

Magofna worked for 15 years at the Calvo & Clark law firm. When the law firm closed their Saipan branch, she joined the CNMI Judiciary. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

## Public warned of hazardous surf


Based on the information received from the National Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam, and compiled at the CNMI Emergency Operations Center, a large swell from distant Super Typhoon Champi will continue to generate hazardous surf for the Marianas the next few days.

A high surf advisory is now in effect until 6pm Monday. Surf will be hazardous at 12 to 14 feet on west facing reefs and 7 to 9 feet on north facing reefs today.


Surf along west and north facing reefs will remain hazardous for several more days.

A small craft advisory for hazardous seas remains in effect until 6pm today, Tuesday. Seas will continue to subside today and fall below advisory levels this evening.

Mariners, especially those operating smaller vessels, should avoid boating in these conditions. Breaking waves can capsize even larger vessels. Avoid venturing into the water along exposed reefs and beaches especially those facing north and west as rip currents will be life threatening. (*HSEM*)



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**INVITATION FOR BIDS**  
**DPW-16-IFB-002**

**Fitme Place Road Improvement, Saipan**

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the **Fitme Place Road Improvement**, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **October 20, 2015** at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan. A non-refundable payment to One Hundred Dollars (**US\$100.00**) is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division.

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Secretary of Public Works

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) will be holding a public hearing for the proposed Saipan Comfort Homes project under permit application No.SMS-2015-X-066. The permit application was submitted by the Saipan Comfort Homes, LLC to construct forty (40) two-bedroom residential units on a subleased property situated in As Terlaje, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The public hearing is scheduled for November 05, 2015, at 5:00PM at the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality (BECQ) office, 2nd floor conference room.

Written comments can be submitted to the DCRM Office, Suite 305, Gualo Rai Center, Middle Road, Gualo Rai, Saipan, or mail to the Division of Coastal Resources Management, Caller Box 10007 or by fax at 664-8315. The project file is open for review and comment during regular business hours from 7:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M, Monday thru Friday. All written and oral comments received by DCRM will be included as part of the permit application record and will be considered in any decisions concerning the proposed project.

Please contact the DCRM at 664-8300/1 if you have any questions or would like to learn more about the Saipan Comfort Homes project.

/s/ Frances A. Castro  
Director  
Division of Coastal Resources Management





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From left, Mike Naholowaa, Bill Leon Guerrero, Kin Cook, Joyce Miyashita, Ken Lujan, Jo Mariano, Esther Reyes, Lou Leon Guerrero, Keven Camacho, Alice Gagarin, Kal Rengil, Janine Eustaquio, Renee Wade, and Patricia Salas.

## Bank of Guam is awarded 'Lender of the Year' plum

**HAGATNA, Guam**—The U.S. Small Business Administration Guam Branch Office has announced that the Bank of Guam has been chosen as the "Lender of the Year" and Bank of Guam's Esther Reyes as the "Banker of the Year."

This is the fourth year in a row that the Bank of Guam has earned both recognitions, and the second time that Reyes has been awarded.

These honors are granted by SBA each year to the lending institution and bank officer who approve the highest number of SBA-backed loans in a given fiscal year. For fiscal year ended Sept. 30, 2015, Bank of Guam approved 22 loans and lent over

\$2.39 million.

Lou A. Leon Guerrero, Bank of Guam president, chief executive officer, and board chair stated, "The Bank of Guam has worked hard to earn the trust of our small business community, and we salute the SBA for working and supporting our lenders to achieve these goals. We are particularly thankful for the sales and lending team who supported Esther in underwriting and approving these loans."

Joining the ceremony were previous "Banker of the Year" winners from Bank of Guam: Janine Eustaquio, Alice Gagarin and Renee Wade. *(Bank of Guam)*

### COMMUNITY BRIEFS

#### Pink Warrior Walkathon this Saturday

The Pink Warrior Walkathon will be held this Saturday, Oct. 24, 2015. Registration starts at 6am at the Naked Fish parking lot where you'll submit your pledge forms.

Children get a DFEMS fire helmet when \$100 is pledged. Adults get a pink DFEMS T-shirt when \$100 is pledged. Pledge forms are available at all fire stations and Bank of Guam Garapan. All proceeds go to the Commonwealth Cancer Association in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Join firemen after the walk for a firetruck hands-on display. *(DFEMS)*

#### FOA membership meeting tonight

The Friends of the Arts will hold its first membership meeting of the year tonight, Oct. 20, from 6:30pm to 9pm, at the Canton Chinese Restaurant, across from the Mobil/McDonald's in Garapan. The meeting will also include musical and thespian entertainment. For more information, contact Frank Gibson at [fgibson@yahoo.com](mailto:fgibson@yahoo.com). *(FOA)*

#### Catch KSPN2 News on radio and Internet

With Docomo cable TV still down due to Typhoon Soudelor, KSPN2 News continues to broadcast on the radio and Internet. Tune in to Magic 100.3 at 6pm Monday to Friday. You can also watch the news broadcast online at [www.kspn2.com](http://www.kspn2.com). For a higher quality, more mobile-friendly option after 8pm, check out [www.saipantv.com](http://www.saipantv.com). *(PR)*

#### Air Force training at FDM

**ASAN, Guam**—The U.S. Air Force will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla on Oct. 22, from 10:30am to 3pm. The general public, especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators are advised to stay clear of the area during the date and time indicated. The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be on a 10-nautical mile radius on all quadrants. *(PR)*

The Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence  
and the Family Violence Task Force  
invite you to get POWERED to end domestic violence  
during a fun afternoon of arts, activities and celebration of our united community.

# DAY OF UNITY

*Saturday, October 24, 2015, Raganan Community Center*

**ENTERTAINMENT and KIDS ACTIVITIES**  
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Featuring Out of the Ordinary Band, Joshua Castro, SMADS, DYS and Coconut Jamboree

**MEN'S WALK AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

3:30 pm - Registration  
4:00 pm - Walk

Calling on all men to show respect for and solidarity with women in our community by walking in skirts/lava lavas.

**CANDLELIGHT VIGIL**  
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Join us honor and remember the lives we have lost to domestic violence.

**October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

For more information, call 234-3878 or 664-4583/4. For news and updates, check out NMCADSV on Facebook, Twitter@EndViolenceNMI and Instagram@nmcadsv.



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# Opinion

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### EDITORIAL

## Iran hostage crisis, Day 452

Anyone breathlessly racing to do business again in Iran should be aware of the name Jason Rezaian. He's the *Washington Post* reporter who was convicted this week on phony charges of espionage. In a secret trial. Without a shred of evidence released.

He didn't even hear the verdict directly. He learned of his conviction by watching state television in Iran's notorious Evin prison. No word yet on his sentence.

Rezaian is a hostage in Iran. Saturday is Day 452. Rezaian has now been imprisoned longer than the 444 days that Iranian revolutionaries held 52 Americans in the U.S. Embassy in Tehran in 1979 and 1980.

He's being held by a thugocracy that still considers hostage-taking to be a powerful tool in its foreign policy arsenal.

It's a reminder that the nuclear deal signed with Iran is designed to do just two things: provide more scrutiny by international inspectors and create incentives for Iran to forego nuclear weapons. It's not likely to thaw relations between Iran and America. It's not likely to change the Iran regime's behavior outside of the specific demands of the agreement.

Moreover, tensions between the U.S. and Iran are rising. Iran recently tested a ballistic missile, a possible violation of United Nations sanctions. It launched a joint military operation with Russia's President Vladimir Putin to keep the butcherous Syrian President Bashar Assad in power. It continues to fuel the conflict in Yemen, shipping aid to Houthi rebels who battle the forces of Saudi Arabia, an American ally. Across the Middle East, Iran funds terrorists and steps up its anti-U.S. campaign.

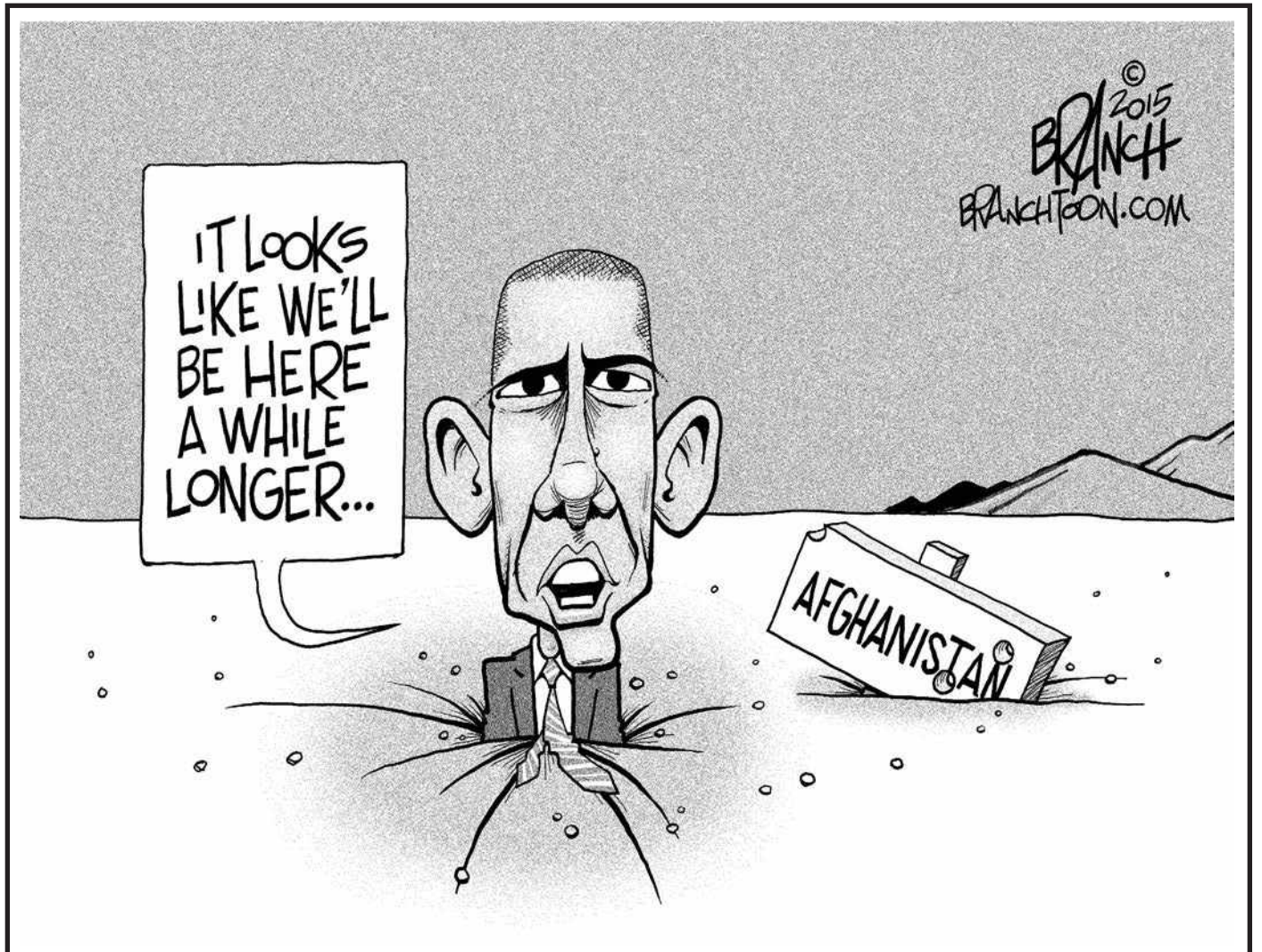
One weapon, used again and again, is the taking of hostages. American journalist Roxana Saberi, a graduate of Northwestern's Medill School of Journalism, was freelancing for NPR and researching a book when she was arrested in 2009 for buying a bottle of wine. The authorities concocted charges about plotting against the state. She was convicted at a sham trial, sentenced to eight years in prison, and later released in a "gesture of Islamic mercy," Iranian authorities said. She was a hostage.

In recent weeks, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani and other Iranian officials have dropped hints about a prisoner swap: Rezaian and two other Iranian-American prisoners for 19 Iranian citizens held in U.S. custody for violating economic sanctions, *The Washington Post* reports. American officials aren't saying if a swap is in the works.

We wouldn't be surprised. Jailing reporters and other innocent Americans on trumped-up espionage charges and releasing them for a price is a tool of the trade for repressive regimes around the world, not just Iran. The mullahs get paid off. But they also send a message to all who enter: Tread carefully. See what happened to Jason Rezaian? You're not safe, even if you do nothing wrong.

Iran seeks to rejoin the international community and repair its battered economy once sanctions are lifted. It will seek more tourism and outside business investment. But what assurance will tourists and business representatives have that they won't be taken and held hostage for a price by the government? None.

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## Dem debate was surprisingly good

The minute it ended, I crowned a victor in Tuesday night's Democratic presidential debate in Las Vegas: Substance. Standing in the venue I tweeted: "See it is possible—to have civil, intelligent discourse that is also entertaining."

While 66 people immediately retweeted my observation and 89 others favorited the view, the larger confirmation came the following day when the television ratings were announced: 15 million had watched on CNN, a record for a Democratic debate.

Yes, it is a number still dwarfed by the 23 million who tuned into CNN for the Republican debate at the Reagan Library four weeks prior, and the 24 million who watched the first GOP debate on Fox in August, but it's an encouraging sign nonetheless. Especially when considering two strikes against the Democratic debate—no Donald Trump, and competition from a Major League Baseball playoff pitting teams from the largest television markets in the nation, New York City and Los Angeles.

I'm not complimenting policy. My focus is all about the candidates' presentation. The respective transcripts are the tale of the tape. At the GOP debate, when Jake Tapper appropriately asked the candidates to explain the differences between themselves, things quickly disintegrated into a food fight.

Carly Fiorina fielded the first question and demurred when asked whether she'd be comfortable with Trump's finger on the nuclear codes. "That's not for me to answer; it is for the voters of this country to answer, and I have a lot of faith in the common sense and good judgment of the voters of the United States of America," said the former CEO of Hewlett Packard.

When Trump was invited to respond, he chose to land his first salvo—at Rand Paul:

"Well, first of all, Rand Paul shouldn't even be on this stage. He's number 11, he's got 1 percent in the polls, and how he got up here, there's far too many people anyway."

The volley having been served to Paul, the senator from Kentucky observed: "I think really there's a sophomoric quality that is entertaining about Mr. Trump, but I am worried. I'm very concerned about him—having him in charge of the nuclear weapons, because I think his response, his—his visceral response to attack people on their appearance—short, tall, fat, ugly—my goodness, that happened in junior high. Are we not way above that? Would we not all be worried to have someone like that in charge of the nuclear arsenal?"

The tone was thus set for the next three hours. It was hard to take your eyes off it for the same reason we rubberneck on the expressway—to get a glimpse of political road kill. And given the success of some outsized personalities who hold sway over our political process, it would be easy to conclude that is what it takes to get attention. But the Democratic debate just proved that wrong. And not because the candidates were cut any slack.

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Anderson Cooper posed the first question to Democratic front-runner Hillary Clinton. After enumerating a number of her policy shifts (same-sex marriage, immigration, the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal) he asked: "Will you say anything to get elected?"

To Bernie Sanders, Cooper suggested he was a Republican attack ad in the making: "You supported the Sandinistas in Nicaragua. You honeymooned in the Soviet Union. And, just this weekend, you said you're not a capitalist. Doesn't—that ad write itself?"

Like the recent GOP debate, the action in Vegas was a night of tough questioning for candidates who aspire to the highest office in the land, but unlike Simi Valley, Calif., it did not elicit name-calling or cheap shots—and still people watched. When they criticized one another, they did it without condescension. Consider that after Sanders touted his D-minus standing with the National Rifle Association, Clinton was asked whether Sanders is tough enough on guns? "No, not at all," she began, before noting that he voted five times against the Brady Bill.

The two also displayed differences—and some one-liners—when the subject was banking.

Clinton: "You know, I—I respect the passion and intensity. I represented Wall Street, as a senator from New York, and I went to Wall Street in December of 2007—before the big crash that we had—and I basically said, 'Cut it out! Quit foreclosing on homes! Quit engaging in these kinds of speculative behaviors.'"

Sanders: "In my view, Secretary Clinton, you do not—Congress does not regulate Wall Street. Wall Street regulates Congress."

A few days before the debate, I jokingly asked Sean Spicer, the chief strategist of the Republican National Committee, whether he was willing to lend Trump to the Democrats for just one night to spur interest?

"I have a feeling that this is going to be a snooze-fest for the people who do tune in because there's really not much out there. At some point, (having) Lincoln Chafee debating whether or not we go to the metric system isn't exactly what the American people are trying to figure out, the big issues that they're feeling right now."

I feared he was right, but it turns out we both underestimated the American people.



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## Debate time also time for progressive pandering

The middle class has been “disappearing” for decades, Sen. Bernie Sanders said the other night—and he’s right, except that he’s wrong. As various experts point out, it has been shrinking not because great numbers got poorer and joined a lower class, but because they got richer and joined a higher class.

Sanders thinks it was the other way around, and it’s this kind of misinformation on which he builds ruinously ridiculous public policy proposals. In a debate with four other Democratic candidates for president the other night, he assumed his usual self-righteously indignant role, easily besting Hillary Clinton, Martin O’Malley, Lincoln Chaffee and Jim Webb in the absurdity category.

Clinton, nipped at by the others because of her political stardom, her lead in the polls and her culpability, was nevertheless self-confident and, in terms of stage presence, the most impressive. Webb, a writer, former Marine, former secretary of the Navy and former U.S. senator, was the common sense champ, thereby drawing the least audience applause. O’Malley, former governor of Maryland, seemed nice enough but nothing special. Chaffee, once a Republican senator then a Democratic governor of Rhode Island, made you wonder why exactly he was on any stage.

Though Webb was a bit of a holdout, the other four scarcely let up for a minute in nonsensical progressive pandering about big government making everything super-duper for Americans who cannot

conceivably take care of themselves. No one did it better than Sanders, who wants free college tuition and Medicare for everyone on top of enhanced Social Security benefits.

He apparently does not get that this country is facing downright perilous debt. As important as tax reform is, we can’t confiscate our way out of this mess as he supposes, and his brand of spectacular new spending is the exact opposite of what’s needed. It would invite explosive crises while leaving the middle class and poor many times worse off even in a gradual transition.

At one point, he said, American trade policies have cost the country millions of jobs. In fact, various trade initiatives over the years have been crucially stabilizing, have poked up pay in a variety of job categories and have especially helped the disadvantaged by keeping product prices down.

Clinton once seemed to know as much. As secretary of state, she helped shape the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade plan that would visit a host of benefits on us and Asian buddies, spoke well of it in her recent memoir and, according to one calculation, has piped up enthusiastically about it on no fewer than 45 occasions. Now, faced with Democratically allied special interests booing it, a populist mood that doesn’t understand it and other candidates at politically beneficial odds with it, she has changed her mind, citing last-minute alterations that were actually nothing more than crossing t’s and dotting i’s.

It’s one of several inconsistencies she explained away in the de-

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bate as resulting from a learning curve. Sadly, she has failed to learn that hiking the minimum wage would almost surely do serious hurt to many who can least afford it. Or that women mostly get pay about equal to that of men when the job is the same and can sue when it is not. Or that still more workplace interventions will likely have the effect of fewer workplaces in which to intervene. Or that, the way it was carried out, our Libyan adventure was a grotesque misadventure.

There were some good points made by the candidates, such as wanting to do something about mass incarceration, and there was the show-time moment when Clinton and Sanders shook hands on too much attention being paid to her email mistakes. At least she did not shake hands with him on some of his wildest policy longings. She is already overreaching enough without that.

## Even Hispanics agree: Trump’s immigration policies aren’t all hogwash

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Polls indicate that support for Donald Trump is plateauing while key challengers like Ben Carson, Carly Fiorina and Marco Rubio are quickly gaining ground.

If this trend continues and Trump flames out, the Republican establishment shouldn’t simply dismiss his candidacy as a fad. There are lessons to be learned from Trump’s unexpected popularity. The most important one is that there is broad support for some components of his immigration platform, even among Hispanics.

Yes, you read that right.

Polls show that many Hispanics agree with Trump that illegal immigration is a huge problem. The eventual GOP nominee should, of course, reject the divisive, inflammatory language Trump and his supporters have often used to make the case for reform. But there are smart policy ideas buried under all that rhetoric. They ought to be incorporated into the official party platform.

A recent poll by SurveyUSA shows that Trump commands the support of 31 percent of Hispanics. That’s not only a higher share than Mitt Romney received in 2012—it’s more than Republican George H.W. Bush received in 1988 when he won the general election.

Most Hispanics aren’t single-issue voters when it comes to immigration. A recent Gallup poll found that among registered Latino voters, 67 percent are at least willing to support a candidate who doesn’t share their views on immigration. And 18 percent don’t

consider the issue important at all.

What’s more, many Hispanic citizens have little sympathy for immigrants who haven’t played by the rules. Especially among Latino voters born in the United States, resentment of immigrants who have entered the country illegally can run deep. Forty-two percent of American-born Hispanics disapprove of President Barack Obama’s executive actions to prevent the deportation of illegal immigrants.

So while Trump has certainly been insensitive and incendiary, his message has nonetheless resonated with a significant share of Hispanic voters. Most immigrants to this country played by the rules. It’s no surprise that they disapprove of people who didn’t.

With Trump on the wane, the GOP should pluck the good from his immigration stand and propose specific reforms to the existing system.

Border enforcement should be a primary goal. Trump’s signature proposal, after all, is a wall along the Mexican border with “a big, beautiful door ... so that people can come into this country legally.”

The GOP should fill in the details. For example, officials need a strategy for finding and holding accountable immigrants who remain in the country longer than the law allows. Systems such as biometric exit points, which would track visitors through their fingerprints or photographs, could help ensure that the person leaving the country is the same one who entered.

A smart immigration platform would also include a more economically viable plan to deal with America’s current population of undocumented workers. Trump has said that after deporting such

workers—who make up 5 percent of the U.S. labor force—he would be willing to invite “the good ones back to get documentation and become legal.”

It would be cheaper and more effective to skip the mass deportations and simply grant temporary work permits to certain illegal immigrants who pass a rigorous qualification process. These individuals would need to learn English and pay hefty monetary penalties for violating the law. And to weed out genuinely dangerous criminals, a thorough background check would be essential.

There’s an appetite for humane immigration policies that still afford people from all over the world the opportunity to come and thrive in the United States. During the most recent TV debate, the National Immigration Forum Action Fund ran an arresting ad contrasting the positive, welcoming “city upon a hill” immigration vision outlined by Ronald Reagan and the divisive, isolationist language deployed by Trump and other GOP contenders.

Reforming America’s broken immigration system does not require abandoning that optimism. The GOP should reject Trump’s hateful rhetoric while prioritizing serious immigration reform. Such a strategy would drive voters of all stripes, including Hispanics, to the polls come November 2016.

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## Is it time to switch our national anthem?

WASHINGTON—Once again, the loser is...”The Star-Spangled Banner.”

In this exciting season of presidential debates, baseball playoffs and nonstop football, we are subjected regularly to one rendition after another of our national anthem. It can be painful. It usually is.

Sheryl Crow is a wonderful singer and musician. As the five Democrats running for president put their hands over their hearts at their first debate in Las Vegas, Crow valiantly sang the nation’s hardest-to-sing official song a cappella as she has done at All Star games and in many other venues.

There was as much tension over how clear that tremulous top note would be as there was over Bernie Sanders using the d-word to describe Hillary Clinton’s emails. The burst of applause after the anthem is sung, anywhere, is usually relief it’s over and because it didn’t cause actual wincing and the audience didn’t put their hands over their ears.

We should all be immensely grateful that the candidates themselves are not asked to sing the anthem. That might end the debates. Also, we were relieved that Las Vegas stalwart Wayne Newton was not asked to sing. (He is a Trump supporter; Crow is a Democrat.)

There is a terrible moment of dread in a singer’s heart when asked to sing the unsingable song. And there are regular bouts of all-out controversy. Should we exchange the anthem for “America the Beautiful”?

Yes. It’s time.

On September 14, 1814, American soldiers at Fort McHenry in Baltimore raised their flag over the harbor during a hard-fought battle with British forces. Seeing the battered flag still flying after a long night of war inspired Francis Scott Key, a slave owner, to write the words to a beer song that became the country’s national anthem in 1931.

The words of the anthem today form questions and are warlike and don’t mean as much as the words of America. “Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn’s early light what so proudly we hailed at the twilight’s last gleaming; whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight, o’er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming? And the rocket’s red glare, the bombs bursting in air, gave proof through the night that our flag was still there: Oh, say! does that star-spangled banner yet wave o’er the land of the free and the home of the brave?”

There are 231 more words, but nobody remembers them enough to sing them. Most of us think the next words are “Play Ball!” as they first occurred in 1862. But it is true that one of our continuing joys is listening to what children think they are hearing when subjected to the anthem.

“America the Beautiful,” written by Katharine Lee Bates with a melody by Samuel Ward, is far more singable. “O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain, for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain! America! America! God shed his grace on thee. And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!”

Again, there are 253 more words but we rarely bother with them.

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Again the phrase, “Play Ball!” fits very nicely at the end.

Etiquette may be disappearing but not while the anthem is sung. Everybody stands. Women do not remove their hats but put their right hands over their hearts. Men remove their hats and put hand on heart unless in the military. Military personnel salute. No removing hand from heart until the anthem is finished. If the flag is visible, you face it. Otherwise you face the singer. Don’t eat, drink, look at your watch or text during the anthem.

There have been many suggestions we need a contest for a new, more updated anthem. It might produce a national burst of much-needed patriotic fervor.


But it’s wishful thinking. Three-fourths of Americans are adamant they do not want the National Anthem changed, even if they can’t remember the words or sing the tune. Hearing it almost always makes tears well up and hearts swell no matter how it is sung or maybe because of how it’s sung.



# The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian


TODAY



Mostly cloudy with showers likely and isolated thunderstorms. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

▲86° ▼77°


WEDNESDAY



Mostly cloudy with showers likely and isolated thunderstorms. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

▲85° ▼76°


THURSDAY



Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.

▲87° ▼77°


FRIDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

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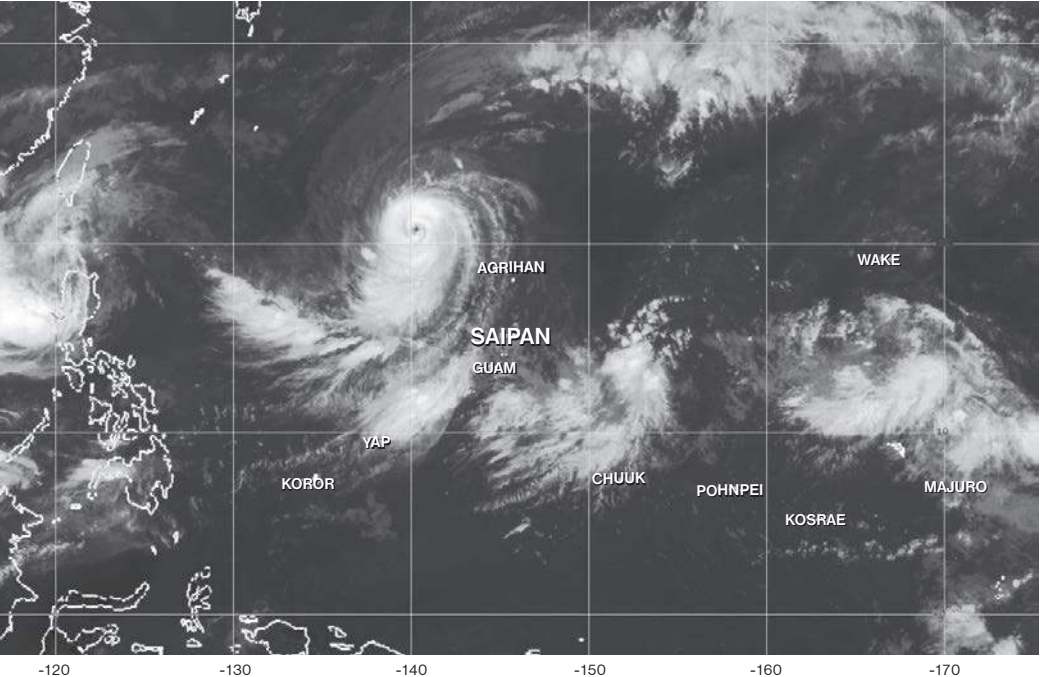
SATURDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms.

▲88° ▼77°

Yesterday's Satellite Image




**PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2015**  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Super Typhoon Champi (25W) is centered 500 miles northwest of Saipan at 20N140E moving north-northeast at 5 mph with maximum sustained winds of 150 mph. Heavy rain and a few thunderstorms are near the center within 150 miles of a line from 16N137E to 21N142E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found farther south north of Yap within 150 miles of a line from 10N137E to 18N144E and within 100 miles of a line from 17N130E to 16N137E. For more information on Typhoon Champi, see bulletins issued by Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN32 PGTW and by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ32 PGUM. A monsoon trough curves southeastward from Super Typhoon Champi at 20N140E to a weak circulation centered northwest of Chuuk near 12N156E then heads east through a disturbance centered near 14N166E to end near Majuro at 8N171E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found east of the Marianas to north of Pohnpei between 9N and 15N from 146E to 158E and south of Wake Island to near Majuro within 250 miles of a line from 17N166E to 5N174E. Isolated thunderstorms are present near Tarawa south of a line from 3N171E to 3N177E.

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Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼78
Palau	Partly Cloudy	▲87	▼80
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼79
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼77
Pohnpei	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼77
Kosrae	Mostly Sunny	▲84	▼79
Majuro	Mostly Cloudy	▲84	▼79

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲61	▼53
Beijing	Mostly Cloudy	▲60	▼52
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼74
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲88	▼77
London	Partly Cloudy	▲60	▼48
Los Angeles	Mostly Cloudy	▲76	▼61
Manila	Showers	▲86	▼78
Melbourne	Cloudy	▲84	▼61
Miami	Showers	▲82	▼74
New York	Sunny	▲55	▼46
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	▲79	▼60
Paris	Mostly Cloudy	▲57	▼44
Pusan	Mostly Sunny	▲75	▼56
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲71	▼55
Salem	Showers	▲63	▼50
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲69	▼58
Seoul	Sunny	▲78	▼52
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲73	▼60
Washington, DC	Sunny	▲57	▼43



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UA5072	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily			UA5079	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily		
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DL297	4:30pm	7:15pm	Daily			DL288	8:55pm	1:30am+1	twice weekly		
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Business

Cybersecurity firm: Chinese hacking on US companies persists

WASHINGTON (AP)—Chinese hacking attempts on American corporate intellectual property have occurred with regularity over the past three weeks, suggesting that China almost immediately began violating its newly minted cyberagreement with the United States, according to a newly published analysis by a cybersecurity company with close ties to the U.S. government.

The Irvine, California-based company, CrowdStrike, says it documented seven Chinese cyberattacks against U.S. technology and pharmaceuticals companies “where the primary benefit of the intrusions seems clearly aligned to facilitate theft of intellectual property and trade secrets, rather than to conduct

traditional national security-related intelligence collection.”

“We’ve seen no change in behavior,” said Dmitri Alperovich, a founder of CrowdStrike who wrote one of the first public accounts of commercial cyberespionage linked to China in 2011.

One attack came on Sept. 26, CrowdStrike says, the day after President Barack Obama and Chinese President Xi Jinping announced their deal in the White House Rose Garden. CrowdStrike, which employs former FBI and National Security Agency cyberexperts, did not name the corporate victims, citing client confidentiality. And the company says it detected and thwarted the attacks before any corporate secrets were stolen.

A senior Obama administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not allowed to discuss the matter publicly, said officials are aware of the report but would not comment on its conclusions. The official did not dispute them, however.

The U.S. will continue to directly raise concerns regarding cybersecurity with the Chinese, monitor the country’s cyberactivities closely and press China to abide by all of its commitments, the official added.

The U.S.-China agreement forged last month does not pro-

hibit cyberspying for national security purposes, but it bans economic espionage designed to steal trade secrets for the benefit of competitors. That is something the U.S. says it doesn’t do, but Western intelligence agencies have documented such attacks by China on a massive scale for years.

China denies engaging in such behavior, but threats of U.S. sanctions led Chinese officials to conduct a flurry of last-minute negotiations which led to the deal.

CrowdStrike on Monday released a timeline of recent intrusions linked to China that it says it documented against “commercial entities that fit squarely within the hacking prohibitions covered under the cyberagreement.”

The intrusion attempts are continuing, the company says, “with many of the China-affiliated actors persistently attempting to regain access to victim networks even in the face of repeated failures.”

CrowdStrike did not explain in detail how it attributes the intrusions to China, an omission that is likely to draw criticism, given the ability of hackers to disguise their origins. But the company has a long track record of gathering intelligence on Chinese hacking groups, and U.S. intelligence officials have often pointed to the company’s work.

 **BUSINESS BRIEFS**

**China’s economic growth declines to 6-year low**

**BEIJING (AP)**—China’s economic growth decelerated in the latest quarter but relatively robust spending by Chinese consumers helped to avert a deeper downturn. The world’s second-largest economy grew by 6.9 percent in the three months ended in September, the slowest since early 2009 in the aftermath of the global crisis, data showed Monday. That was down from the previous quarter’s 7 percent. Weakening trade and manufacturing have fueled concern about possible job losses and unrest. The communist government has cut interest rates five times since last November in an effort to shore up growth. Consumer spending accelerated over the course of the quarter, helping to shore up the expansion. Growth in retail sales picked up from 10.5 percent in July to 10.9 percent in September. Spending on e-commerce grew by 36 percent in the third quarter over a year earlier.

**French police search VW offices in emissions probe**

**PARIS (AP)**—French authorities have searched the headquarters of Volkswagen France as part of a local investigation into the emissions testing scandal at the German automaker. Investigators from France’s environment and public health office conducted the searches Friday at Volkswagen France’s offices in Villers-Cotterets, 52 miles north of Paris, and seized computer equipment, the Paris prosecutor’s office said Sunday. A spokeswoman for Volkswagen France, Leslie Peltier, confirmed the searches and said Volkswagen is fully cooperating with the police. Volkswagen has said around 11 million cars worldwide were outfitted with software that enabled them to evade diesel emissions testing.

**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT**

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT  
OF THE  
COMMONWEALTH OF THE  
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF	) Civil Action No. 15-0157
JESUS SABLAN BARCINAS,	) <b>NOTICE OF HEARING and</b>
Deceased.	) <b>NOTICE TO CREDITORS</b>
	) Date: October 27, 2015
	) Time: 1:30 p.m.
	) Judge: Hon.
	) David A. Wiseman

**TO: THE HEIRS, GENERAL PUBLIC AND CREDITORS  
OF THE DECEDENTS OR OF THEIR ESTATE**

Notice is hereby given that the Petitioner, Jessica Barcinas Taylor, has filed a Petition For Letters of Administration in the above-entitled Estate proceeding pursuant to Rule NMI R. of Prob. P. 15.

A hearing on the petition will be conducted by the Court on Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. in Courtroom 223, Superior Court. All persons interested are hereby notified to appear at the hearing and show cause, if any, why the order should not be made.

Pursuant to NMI R. of Prob. P. 21, notice is hereby given to all creditors of the Decedent or his Estate that they must file their claims with the Clerk of Court within sixty (60) days of the publication of this notice. A copy of the claim of any creditor should be sent to Jennifer Dockter at the above indicated address.

Reference is hereby made to the petition for further particulars.

SO NOTICED this 1st day of October 2015.

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT  
OF THE  
COMMONWEALTH OF THE  
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IN RE THE MATTER OF THE APPOINTMENT OF:	) FCD GU
Leolanie Benavente	) CIVIL ACTION
	) NO. 15-0435
	)
AS GUARDIAN OF THE ESTATE OF:	) <b>NOTICE OF HEARING</b>
Ciana Lei B. Demapan	)
10/24/09	)
By	)
Leolanie Benavente	)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition for Appointment of Guardian for the estate of the above-named minor child by Leolanie Benavente, Petitioner, was filed with the above-entitled Honorable Court.

A HEARING of said petition for Guardianship will be held at the above-entitled Honorable Court at Superior Court before the Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo on the 19<sup>th</sup> of November, 2015 at 10:30AM or as soon as thereafter.

Patrick V. Diaz  
Clerk of Court  
/s/ By: Deputy Clerk of Court

# WIOA Dislocated Worker Funding Program

If any of these categories apply to you, please contact WIA.

**Category A:** General Dislocated Workers. To qualify, an individual must meet the following three criteria:

- Has been terminated or laid off, or has received a notice of termination or layoff, from employment;
- Is eligible for or has exhausted entitlement to unemployment compensation; OR has been employed or attached to the workforce for a duration sufficient to demonstrate to WIOA, but is not eligible for unemployment compensation due to insufficient earnings or having performed services for an employer that were not covered under a state unemployment compensation law; and
- Is unlikely to return to a previous industry or occupation.

**Category B:** Plant Closure. To qualify, an individual must meet one of the following three criteria:

- Has been terminated or laid off, or has received a notice of termination or layoff, from employment as a result of any permanent closure of, or any substantial layoff at, plant, facility, or enterprise;
- Is employed at a facility at which the employer has made a general announcement that such facility close within 180 days; or
- For purpose of eligibility to receive services other than training, intensive or supportive services under WIOA, is employed at a facility at which the employer has made general announcement that such facility will close.

**Category C:** Self Employed or Unemployed. To qualify, an individual must meet the following criteria:

- Was self employed (including employment as a farmer, a rancher, or a fisherman) but is unemployed as a result of general economic conditions in the community in which the individual resides or because of natural disasters.

**Category D:** is a displaced homemaker;

**DISPLACED HOMEMAKER**—The term “displaced homemaker” means an individual who has been providing unpaid services to family members in the home and who—

(A) (i) has been dependent on the income of another family member but is no longer supported by that income; or (ii) is the dependent spouse of a member of the Armed Forces on active duty (as defined in section 101(d)(1) of title 10, United States Code) and whose family income is significantly reduced because of a deployment (as defined in section 991(b) of title 10, United States Code, or pursuant to paragraph (4) of such section), a call or order to active duty pursuant to a provision of law referred to in section 101(a)(13)(B) of title 10, United States Code, a permanent change of station, or the service-connected (as defined in section 101(16) of title 38, United States Code) death or disability of the member; and

(B) is unemployed or underemployed and is experiencing difficulty in obtaining or upgrading employment.

**Category E:**

- Is the spouse of a member of the Armed Forces on active duty (as defined in section 101(d)(1) of title 10, United States Code), and who has experienced a loss of employment as a direct result of relocation to accommodate a permanent change in duty station of such member; or
- Is the spouse of a member of the Armed Forces on active duty and who meets the criteria described in Displaced Homemaker Definition (B).

You may be able to qualify for services under WIOA's Dislocated Worker Funding Program. All other program eligibility requirements apply.

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# Nation

## Police say 1 killed, 5 injured in shooting at ZombiCon

**FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP)**—A shooting at the annual ZombiCon gathering in Florida has left one person dead and five more injured, causing a chaotic scene that sent throngs of zombie-dressed revelers running through the streets, police said Sunday.

The shooting happened around 11:45 p.m. Saturday, just 15 minutes before the event officially ended. Large crowds were still in the streets and authorities quickly cleared out nearby bars and set up crime scene tape, while others patrolled the area with rifles searching for a suspect.

Fort Myers Police Lt. Victor Medico said Expavious Tyrell Taylor, a 20-year-old who played football at a local junior college, died at the scene, but no other details about his death were released. Four others were taken to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries and one additional victim refused medical attention, authorities said.

Authorities said the suspect or suspects are still at large and did not release any information about a possible motive.



"There were a lot of witnesses down here, there were a lot of people taking pictures, videos with their cellphone," Medico told the News-Press (<http://newspr.es/ljMJamf>). "Any-

thing that could help with this investigation would be greatly appreciated."

Police did not immediately return email and phone call messages on Sunday seeking

more details. Medico told reporters the agency had been inundated with national media requests and would not be making any comments "as we tirelessly investigate this inci-

<sup>AP</sup>  
Emergency medical workers and police work next to a person at the scene of shooting Saturday, Oct. 17, 2015, at ZombiCon in Fort Myers, Fla.

dent and gather as many facts as possible."

The annual festival had been expected to draw more than 20,000 fans dressed as zombies, the newspaper said. Medico said the scene was described as "shoulder to shoulder."

Jill Stancel said she heard the shots and then saw people running from the downtown barbershop owned by her family. She and her family let several frightened witnesses inside the shop, where they quickly locked the door.

"I was right here," she said. "A mass of people ran screaming and trying to get in the shop."

Stancel was raised in the area and said she doesn't think the downtown area is dangerous,

but said the shooting will be in the back of her mind at future events.

"There are people dressed up and some walking around with guns. How do you know they aren't real? Any event I come to, this will be in the back of my mind."

Authorities were reviewing surveillance videos from restaurants and shops to help them find the suspect or suspects.

A statement on the ZombiCon Facebook page said organizers were saddened by the news and the group takes the safety of its patrons very seriously.

ZombiCon has been a popular event for nearly a decade, but some local residents and business owners have not welcomed the crowd of costumed revelers in the street dressed as limping, bloated, degrading corpses. One restaurant posted signs warning visitors that ZombiCon participants were not welcome. "Quarantined. No Zombies allowed," the signs read.

## Development plans for Mormon cattle ranch stirs controversy

**DESERET RANCH, Fla.**

**(AP)**—Under one of the biggest land development plans ever proposed in Florida, a tract more than six times the size of Manhattan could be transformed from a home for cows and alligators into new housing developments for half a million people.

Over the next six decades, the plan being developed by the Mormon church-owned Deseret Ranch promises to convert the largest undeveloped section of metro Orlando into more than a dozen bustling neighborhoods. In the process, it would radically reshape Osceola County, a suburb that has been transitioning from cowboy culture into a major destination for Puerto Ricans moving to the mainland.

Opponents say the plan to convert cattle pastures to cul-de-sacs could destroy tens of thousands of acres of important habitat near the headwaters of the St. Johns River flowing north and the Kissimmee River flowing south. They also worry that Osceola County has been doing the bidding of Deseret Ranch, one of the nation's largest ranches. County commissioners approved the ranch's plan unanimously in September and now it awaits a state review.

"There are no checks and balances happening," said Karina Veaudry, a landscape architect, who is with the Florida Native Plants Society. "The county has been bending over backward pretty much to do

whatever they say."

But other environmentalists who once opposed Deseret's proposal have dropped their objections, saying the plan shifts population growth to east of the county's urban core, rather than to its south where development might pose a greater threat to the headwaters of the Everglades. They also say it's better to have a comprehensive plan rather than breaking off 1,000-acre tracts at a time for piecemeal development. Osceola County currently is about three-quarters rural.

"The future of that property is better with this plan, than the plan not being there," said Charles Lee, director of advocacy for Audubon Florida. "Doing it on a large scale gives you a lot of possibilities for preservation."

The plan looks ahead six decades for property that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints began purchasing more than six decades ago. The church began acquiring ranchlands in 1950 to have resources for food production in times of need. The ranch now has 42,000 cattle and more than 80 workers, and straddles three counties in an area nestled between two of central Florida's iconic institutions: Walt Disney World to its west and the Kennedy Space Center to its northeast.

"This is the way we're going to grow for the next 60 years, maybe 100 years," said Commissioner Fred Hawkins before the vote.

## 6-year-old boy fatally shoots 3-year-old brother in Chicago

**CHICAGO (AP)**—A 6-year-old boy accidentally shot and killed his 3-year-old brother while playing "cops and robbers" with a gun their father told investigators he had obtained illegally from a gang member, Chicago police said Sunday.

Police said the two boys were playing Saturday evening when the older boy reached on top of the refrigerator and grabbed the loaded handgun and then accidentally shot 3-year-old Eian Santiago in the face. The boy was rushed to a hospital, where he died later that night.

Police subsequently arrested the boys' father, 25-year-old Mi-

chael Santiago, on a felony child endangerment charge. During a court hearing on Sunday, Assistant state's Attorney Joseph DiBella said that Santiago bought the gun off the street, kept it "wrapped in pajama pants on top of the refrigerator" and even showed the boy where the gun was.

"He kept the gun for protection because he was a former gang member who snatched on a gang member in a murder trial," the Chicago Tribune reported DiBella as saying in court. Santiago had told police about the gun in a videotaped confession, DiBella said.

Judge James Brown set Santia-

go's bail at \$75,000. Santiago was represented by the county's public defender's office. The office was closed on Sunday and could not be reached for comment.

Police Superintendent Garry McCarthy said the case tragically illustrates a point he has been making for years about how a major cause of much of Chicago's violent crime is the flood of illegal guns into the city.

"It's real simple," McCarthy said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press on Sunday. "If that gun is not in the house that kid is alive today. We see this happen over and over and over again."

thorities said. Naziyah Baxter, 2, was initially hospitalized in extreme critical condition but the boy was pronounced dead later in the day, Tempe police spokesman Michael Pooley said. Emergency rescuers were called to Tempe Town Lake around 12:15 a.m. after bystanders spotted the family's SUV enter the lake. "Officers got on scene pretty quick," Pooley said. "When they got on scene, three jumped into the water immediately. One of the fishermen also jumped into the water."

**Man charged after calling TV news on girl missing since 1982**

**MILWAUKEE (AP)**—Au-

thorities have charged a man with second-degree murder after he called a Milwaukee television news station and discussed details of a cold case involving a Milwaukee seventh-grade girl whose body was found more than 30 years ago. Prosecutors say Jose Ferreira is responsible for the death of 13-year-old Carrie Ann Jopek, who went missing in 1982. The case resurfaced last week when WISN 12 News reported that Ferreira called its newsroom and discussed the case. "His story was very detailed—disturbingly so," Chris Gegg, the station's news director, said in a statement emailed to The Associated Press on Sunday.

Chicago also has more homicides than any city in the nation, and the number this year has climbed, with department statistics showing there were 370 homicides as of Oct. 4, compared to 306 for the same period last year. The number of shooting incidents also has climbed during the same period to 1,870 from 1,581 last year.

### ACROSS THE NATION

#### Caged dogs found in home of couple charged in son's death

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Seemingly neglected caged dogs and other animals were found in the foul-smelling, garbage-filled home of the New York couple arrested and charged with beating their two teenage sons, one fatally, said an animal advocate who rescued the pets. Kimberly Strong, founder of Lainey's Army, an animal advocacy group based in central New York, said the home of Bruce and Deborah Leonard—now under arrest—had four neglected dogs, three birds and several cats in and around their home. Feces and urine were everywhere, she said.

"Conditions in the house were abhorrent; it smelled to knock you out," Strong said Sunday. Strong said neighbors concerned about the animals called her earlier last week and she alerted authorities. On Thursday, a few days after the couple was arrested and charged—she walked through the home with Clayville animal control officer Gordon Chafee and a New York state trooper, she said.

#### Family of 5 dead after SUV goes into suburban Phoenix lake

**TEMPE, Ariz. (AP)**—An entire family, including three young children, died Sunday after their vehicle went into a suburban Phoenix lake, au-



# Asia

## Typhoon leaves 2 dead, Filipino villagers rescued from flood

**ZARAGOZA, Philippines** (AP)—Army, police and civilian volunteers scrambled Monday to rescue hundreds of villagers trapped in their flooded homes and on rooftops in a northern Philippine province battered by slow-moving Typhoon Koppu.

The typhoon blew ashore into northeastern Aurora province with fierce wind and heavy rains early Sunday, leaving at least two dead, forcing more than 16,000 villagers from their homes, and leaving nine provinces without electricity.

But after its landfall, the typhoon weakened, hemmed in by the Sierra Madre mountain range and a high pressure area in the country's north and another typhoon far out in the Pacific in the east, government forecasters said.

By Monday morning Koppu was located over Ilocos Norte province with winds of 120 kilometers (74 miles) per hour and gusts of up to 150 kph (93 mph). Several of the affected provinces, led by Nueva Ecija, were inundated by flash floods that swelled rivers and cascaded down mountainsides, trapping villagers in their homes and on rooftops, said Nigel Lontoc of the Office of Civil Defense.



A resident uses an inflated tire interior to bring a pig to safety amidst raging floodwaters brought about by Typhoon Koppu at Zaragoza township, Nueva Ecija province, north of Manila, Philippines Monday, Oct. 19, 2015.

## China detains 16 protesters over marina construction

**BEIJING** (AP)—Chinese authorities detained 16 fishermen after hundreds of people protested the construction of a sea marina in a southern Chinese port city over the weekend.

Police in the city of Beihai said Sunday that they detained four people on Thursday and another 12 people on Friday. They said they also dismissed nearly 200 protesters who shouted slogans and held up banners on Saturday.

The fishermen are upset that the new marina would take up a public beach that has long been used for their trade, according to a local resident who only gave her last name, Pan.

Mass incidents such as protests of public projects are on the rise in China, where members of the public are excluded from the decision-making process for public policies but hope street protests can be an effective way to make their voices heard and to put pressure on local authorities.

Local governments are increasingly resorting to force to dismiss demonstrations and detain protesters on the ground of disturbing public order. Past demonstrations have turned violent.

In a written statement, Beihai police said nearly 30 people on

Thursday boarded two fishing boats to storm the construction area and used bamboo poles and burning incense to attack maritime and police officers.

About 70 people gathered around a government office after police detained four people, the statement said, and in the evening, about 50 elderly women and spectators gathered around a local police station and used beddings to block the entrance to the station.

The crowd was dismissed around 1 a.m. Friday, but later a local maritime rescue station was barricaded with wood fences and old tires, the statement said.

About 80 people—mainly middle-aged and elderly women—paraded down local streets, while holding up banners and shouting slogans, the police said.

The protesters blocked traffic and stormed a local government office before the police forcibly took away 62 people, the police said. Twelve of them were later formally detained, while the rest were warned but released, the police said.

Nearly 200 people gathered in a public square to protest on Saturday but the crowd was dismissed by police in the afternoon, the police said.

“There were some people who needed to be rescued from the roofs of their homes,” Lontoc told The Associated Press by telephone on Monday. “But our rescuers couldn’t penetrate because the floodwaters were still high.”

Hundreds of soldiers, police

and volunteers have converged on Nueva Ecija, a landlocked, rice-growing province in the heartland of the main northern Luzon island, to help villagers whose homes had been flooded, said Lontoc, adding there have been no deaths reported so far in

Nueva Ecija’s flooding.

Erwin Jacinto, a 37-year-old resident of Nueva Ecija’s Santa Rosa town, said the flooding turned his farmland into “nothing but mud.”

Jacinto spoke from the top of a high-level bridge that juts

## As Tibetan exiles vote, candidates discuss views on China

**DHARMSALA, India** (AP)—As Tibetans around the world voted Sunday in the first round of elections to choose a new government-in-exile, candidates were debating how to carry on their campaign to free their Himalayan homeland from Chinese rule.

Hundreds of Tibetans, including monks and nuns wearing wine-colored robes, lined up behind voting kiosks in the north Indian hill town of Dharmasala, where the exiled government is based. One by one, they wrote the names of their favorite candidates on pieces of paper and slid them

into green ballot boxes.

It’s just the second time Tibetans are voting since the Dalai Lama stepped down as head of the government-in-exile in 2011 to focus on his role as Tibetan Buddhist spiritual leader.

“He wants us to stand on our own feet and decide about the future of Tibet,” said Tsering Tsomo, who heads the Tibetan Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Dharmasala.

Tsering Tsomo noted that Tibetan democracy was still developing. “We have the institution, but not the culture,” she said.

The Tibetan community—

comprising some 130,000 people spread across communities from Minnesota and Norway to Nepal and Taiwan—thrust itself onto the international stage and consciousness after the Dalai Lama fled Chinese occupation in 1959 and settled in exile in India. Rallying behind a charismatic leader and the single cause of freeing Tibet, the community proved a major irritant to Beijing.

But exiled Tibetans have struggled in recent years to maintain a cohesive political voice, while seeing China’s diplomatic and economic clout grow.

In a telephone interview with The Associated Press, incumbent Prime Minister Lobsang Sangay was frank in acknowledging that little progress has been made. The last round of talks between envoys of China and the Dalai Lama was in 2010, 25 years after the Dalai Lama proposed Tibetans give up on independence and instead seek a “middle way”—regional autonomy under China through peaceful dialogue.

“As far as talks with China are concerned, there is a status quo,” said Lobsang Sangay, who is running for re-election.

## More than 180 ethnic Rohingya flee shelter in Indonesia

**BANDA ACEH, Indonesia** (AP)—A total of 182 ethnic Rohingya have fled their encampment in Indonesia’s Aceh province, with government officials suspecting they may have been persuaded by human traffickers to flee, an official said Saturday.

An inspection Friday by the local government in coordination with both the International Organization for Migration and

the U.N. Refugee Agency found that only 140 out of about 322 Rohingya remained at the refugee shelter in Blang Adoe village in northern Aceh, said Amir Hamzah, the spokesman for the North Aceh district government.

“We suspect they were persuaded by agents (of human traffickers) who promised to be able to transport them to Malaysia, because many have their

family members there in Malaysia,” Hamzah said.

He said an investigation was underway by police and the local government to find out the masterminds.

Hamzah said the refugees may have left the encampment in groups, but could not specify when they began to flee.

They are among more than 3,000 Rohingya Muslims and

Bangladeshis abandoned by human traffickers who were rescued or washed ashore in May in Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand.

Indonesia sheltered 1,346 Rohingya and Bangladeshi migrants. They are being held in camps and some are separated from family members, including those living in Malaysia. Most of the Bangladeshis have been sent back to their country.



# World

## Israel: Assailant opens fire on bus station, soldier killed

**JERUSALEM** (AP)—An Arab attacker armed with a gun and a knife opened fire in a southern Israel bus station on Sunday, police said, killing an Israeli soldier and wounding 10 people in one of the boldest attacks yet in a monthlong wave of violence.

The attack came as Israel further tightened security around the country, highlighted by the construction of a barrier separating Jewish and Arab neighborhoods in east Jerusalem. In a bid to halt the fighting, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said he would meet the Israeli and Palestinian leaders in the coming days.

Israel has deployed thousands of police, backed up by troops, to maintain order following a spate of attacks, mostly stabbings, by Palestinian assailants. Those measures have so far failed to stop the violence.

In Sunday night's attack, police said the Arab assailant entered the central bus station in the southern city of Beersheba and began shooting and stabbing people. They said an Israeli soldier was killed, five police were lightly wounded and five civilians were wounded to varying degrees.

Yoram Halevy, a police commander in southern Israel, told reporters that in addition to the



**AP**  
A wounded Eritrean is evacuated from the scene of an attack in Beersheba, Israel, Sunday, Oct. 18, 2015.

knife and gun he entered with, the attacker also snatched a weapon from the soldier he killed.

The attacker, whose identity was not immediately known, was shot and killed.

A foreigner was shot by police during the attack after they apparently mistook him for an

assailant. Halevy said security forces responding to the attack entered the bus station from another area and saw a "foreign national," shooting and wounding him.

Israeli media said the foreigner was an Eritrean national living in Israel.

Israeli media showed footage of a blood-streaked floor and rows of ambulances outside the bus station. Security camera footage from the bus station aired on Israeli TV showed what appeared to be a civilian shooting the attacker as soldiers and civilians crouched

for cover nearby.

The attack was one of the most serious incidents amid near-daily bouts of violence that has hit Israel and the Palestinian territories over the past month. After the attack, a crowd of Israelis gathered outside the bus station and

chanted "death to Arabs."

The unrest erupted in Jerusalem a month ago over tensions surrounding a Jerusalem holy site sacred to Jews and Muslims. It soon spread to Arab neighborhoods of east Jerusalem and then to the West Bank, Gaza and Israel.

Israel has struggled to contain near-daily attacks by Palestinian assailants. Authorities have blocked roads and placed checkpoints at the entrances of Palestinian neighborhoods in east Jerusalem. Other security measures include ID checks and requiring some Palestinian residents to lift their shirts and roll up pant legs as they exit their neighborhoods to prove they are not carrying knives. Soldiers have been deployed in Jerusalem and cities across Israel.

On Sunday, Israeli police erected a barrier to separate the Jewish neighborhood of Armon Hanatziv from the adjacent Palestinian neighborhood of Jabal Mukaber as part of the heightened security. A number of attackers have come from Jabal Mukaber.

## Thousands stranded on new migrant route through Europe

**OPATOVAC, Croatia** (AP)—Tension was building among thousands of migrants as they remained stranded in fog and cold weather in the Balkans on Sunday in their quest to reach a better life in Western Europe, a day after Hungary closed its border with Croatia and the flow of people was redirected to a much slower route via Slovenia.

Tiny Slovenia has said it will only take in 2,500 people a day, significantly stalling the movement of people as they fled their countries in the Middle East, Asia and Africa. On Saturday, more than 6,000 people reached Croatia, but most of them were stuck in the country as well as in neighboring Serbia on Sunday and thousands kept on arriving.

On the Serbian-Croatian border, tensions flared and scuffles erupted as hundreds of irritated migrants faced a cordon of Croatian policemen preventing them from entry.

The Balkan migrant route switched to Slovenia early Saturday after Hungary's right-wing government closed its border to Croatia for the influx, citing security concerns and saying it wants to protect the European Union from an uncontrolled flow of people.

Slovenian officials said they can't accept 5,000 migrants per

day as asked by Croatia, which is likely to cause a further backlog in the flow. Interior Ministry official Bostjan Sefic said Slovenia can't take more than neighboring Austria, which said it can accept 1,500 per day.

"If we would accept 5,000 migrants per day that would mean 35,000 would be in Slovenia in 10 days," Sefic said, taking into account those who leave for Austria. "That would be unacceptable."

Slovenia said Sunday it won't allow entry to about 1,800 migrants on a train from Croatia after more than 2,000 people have already entered in one day. Some 5,000 other migrants will have to spend a cold night in a camp in Opatovac, eastern Croatia, before they can head toward Slovenia, the next step on their journey toward richer EU states, such as Germany or Sweden.

Across the border in Serbia, thousands of people have been sitting in some 50 buses since early hours Sunday waiting to cross to Croatia. More are expected to arrive during the day.

"We are waiting here 4 hours on the bus," said Muhammad Samin from Afghanistan. "The weather is too cold. We wear lots of shirts. The children are also in the cold. No food."

## Syria activists say 4 civilians killed in intense airstrikes

**BEIRUT** (AP)—Russian and Syrian warplanes pounded targets in central and northern Syria, killing at least four civilians Sunday as ground troops battled insurgents and seized new territory, activists and the government said.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights and activist news platform Syrian Revolution Talbiseh said warplanes believed to be Russian targeted mourners at a funeral in Homs province's al-Ghanto village, killing four civilians. Homs-based activist Bebars al-Telawy said the civilians were burying a man who died from wounds sustained a day earlier

when the planes struck.

Al-Ghanto, the town of Talbiseh and other areas north of the city of Homs were pounded with more than a dozen airstrikes Sunday, including government helicopters dropping barrel bombs in the village of Ter Macla, the activists said.

The state-news agency SANA reported army troops began a ground offensive in the area.

Meanwhile, the Observatory and monitoring group Local Coordination Committees said intense clashes were reported on the edges of Wadihi, a village the government firmly controlled Sunday, a day after entering it during an offensive

in southern Aleppo. The area is controlled by mainstream rebels, some Islamist groups and al-Qaida's affiliate in Syria.

Government ground forces, backed by allied militias, opened another front in eastern Aleppo, where the Islamic State group has a strong presence. Syria TV reported that government forces seized control of al-Jabriyeh village. Local Coordination Committees said government warplanes had bombed areas in eastern Aleppo near the Kweiras military air base, which the IS group has besieged for months.

Syrian troops had launched a separate offensive earlier this month in an attempt to break

the siege.

Since Russian airstrikes began on Sept. 30, Syrian troops have been on the offensive on several fronts around the country, in an attempt to secure supply routes and regain control of strategic areas.

Also Sunday, the International Committee of the Red Cross said aid was delivered to four areas that were part of a limited U.N.-brokered cease fire agreement reached last month.

It is the first aid delivered to the four besieged areas that include two Shiite villages in the province of Idlib and two rebel-held areas near the border with Lebanon.

## Voters' apathy influences Egypt's legislative election

**CAIRO** (AP)—A mix of voters' apathy and frustration characterized elections held Sunday for Egypt's first legislature in more than three years, a chamber widely expected to be compliant with the policies of President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi who, as military chief, ousted the country's first freely elected leader before he was elected to office himself a year later.

Egypt's last parliament, elected less than a year after the 2011 ouster of longtime autocrat Hosni Mubarak, was dominated by supporters of the now-outlawed Muslim Brotherhood as well

as ultraconservative Salafi Islamists. It was dissolved in June 2012 following a ruling by the nation's highest court that its election was unconstitutional.

A largely toothless upper chamber, also dominated by Islamists, continued to sit until el-Sissi's July 2013 ouster of the Islamist Mohammed Morsi, when it was also dissolved.

"There's no incentive to vote," declared 38-year-old Mohammed Mahmoud, owner of a carpentry workshop across the street from a polling center in Boulak el-Dakrou, one of the most densely populated districts

in Egypt.

"Even if a candidate has a platform, I don't think it's true. I don't think it will be implemented. It will be just talk," he said in Cairo's twin city of Giza, located in one of 14 provinces in which the first of two days of voting took place Sunday.

One of his workers, Mohammed Hassan, echoed the same sentiments: "We've been hearing the same things for 20 years."

Egyptians abroad began voting Saturday and will continue Sunday, where voting was underway in 14 Egyptian provinces, including Giza and the

Mediterranean port city of Alexandria. Voting in Egypt's 13 other provinces, including the capital Cairo, will be Nov. 22-23. Each stage of the vote will be followed by a runoff.

Final results will be announced in early December and the new house will hold its inaugural session shortly after.

There were no official or reliable figures available on Sunday's turnout, expected to be as low as 10 percent. State media reports suggested while turnout was low in the morning, large numbers of voters cast ballots in the afternoon.



## Focus

By ADAM GELLER and  
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# States go after unclaimed property, use it to patch budgets

**W**hen Americans lose track of money—in neglected bank accounts, paychecks they forgot to cash and elsewhere—state governments are increasingly aggressive in taking control of the cash.

Now, with those efforts swelling state coffers by more than \$40 billion and lawmakers using some of it to patch budget holes, skirmishes are breaking out between states and companies with their own interest in holding on to the unclaimed property.

Companies accuse states of overreaching. State officials counter the businesses are more concerned with keeping the assets themselves. But critics say rightful owners too often get short shrift.

“The analogy is to finding somebody’s lost wallet. In Minnesota, anyway, we give people their wallets back. It’s just what we do here. But it’s not what the state is doing,” said Joe Atkins, a state representative from outside St. Paul who last year introduced a bill calling for increased funding to track down property owners.

While other states, too, have increased efforts to reunite owners with their property, many have changed laws to let them take control of more unclaimed property more quickly.

State lost-and-found programs have been growing rapidly for more than a decade. California alone has 28.5 million on its unclaimed property list.

States stepped up pursuit of unclaimed property in the late 1990s, after restructuring by insurance companies exposed those firms’ inability to locate many policy holders. Many states have hired auditing firms to scrutinize the books of insurers, retailers and others, paying them multimillion-dollar fees for unclaimed property they brought in.

The experience of two medical researchers who recently sued Delaware officials highlights the stakes.

Gilles Gosselin and Jean Louis Imbach, French chemists who developed a drug for treating hepatitis B, became shareholders of a company incorporated in Delaware to develop it. In 2009, without contacting them, Delaware took control of their stock, deemed abandoned, and sold it for \$1.7 million.

As Gosselin and Imbach worked to track down their shares, the company was acquired by Merck & Co., in a 2014 deal that valued the researchers’ stock at \$13.7 million. Delaware turned over proceeds of the earlier stock sale, but they took a \$12 million hit.

“All of this could’ve been easily avoided if someone just sent a letter,” said Ethan Millar,



In this Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2015 photo, Mary Ann Steele, of Carmichael, Calif., holds a copy of a will which is part of a lawsuit against the state of California in her efforts to reclaim an inheritance from her adoptive father.



A Los Angeles lawyer representing the researchers.

Most consumers on unclaimed property lists don’t even realize they’re entitled to missing money. It could be an inheritance they weren’t aware of or mutual funds entrusted to a broker with a mistaken address. Most are owed less than \$100.

In all, state governments have \$41.7 billion in unclaimed property on their books, according to the National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators. Changes in law have accelerated collections:

■ Last year, Pennsylvania lawmakers shortened from five years to three the period before bank accounts and other property can be considered abandoned. Money claimed by the state jumped to \$669 million from \$265 million the year be-

fore. Until the change, Pennsylvania returned about 43 percent of what it collected; afterward, payouts rose only slightly.

■ Before 2008, Delaware waited until mail sent to owners of stock was returned as undeliverable before declaring their property abandoned. But that year, it began requiring only that shareholders have no contact with their account for three years, without attempting to reach them.

■ Minnesota used to send letters directly to state residents telling them when the state had their money. But lawmakers eliminat-

ed that provision in 2005, while ditching the requirement to publish the names of property owners in newspapers.

Still, Minnesota is among states that set up booths at state fairs to inform people of the missing money, efforts that have helped boost its return rate to about 45 percent of what it takes in.

Michael Rothman, Minnesota’s commerce commissioner, said he wants legislators to double or triple funding to hire finders who will search for people and to step up advertising and outreach.

“It’s great to have a goal, but if you don’t give the resources to do it, we can’t achieve it,” Rothman said.

For those unaware the state has claimed their property, “it’s a stealth tax,” said Ferdinand Hogroian of the Council on State Taxation, which represents big companies in pushing for uniformity in unclaimed property laws.

But state officials argue that businesses frequently do not act in the best interest of consumers. Until recent settlements between states and large insurers, the companies did not check for deaths that would necessitate payments on old life insurance policies, and some still do not do so.

“There is the potential for companies to do as little as pos-

sible to get the money back to the owners,” Vermont State Treasurer Beth Pearce said. “We would like to see more due diligence by the holders, so it gets to the individuals before it even becomes unclaimed property.”

Consumers’ right to claim missing money never expires, even as legislators spend a portion of the funds. On average, states’ net of unclaimed property amounts to just a small part of their budgets—about half a percent as of 2011, according to NAUPA.

But states vary. Delaware has turned unclaimed property into its third largest source of revenue. Last year, it brought in \$514 million, accounting for more than 13 percent of the budget. That pursuit of that revenue—often via audits delving back decades—has angered many companies.

Some complaints have focused on Kelmar Associates, a Massachusetts-based auditing firm which at times handled more than three-fourths of Delaware’s business, earning more than \$100 million in contingency fees and other payments since 2013.

Delaware legislators last year embraced a law giving companies the right to enter into a voluntary agreement before an audit and shortening the period that audits can cover. And they limit-

ed any single auditor to no more than half the state’s business.

In 2011, Delaware paid out less than 5 percent of the \$427 million it received that year, a time when states were returning an average 34 percent. The deputy finance secretary, David Gregor, said the return rate has risen to about 20 percent.

Gregor said the state has been evenhanded—“preserving our ability to enforce things when companies really have a responsibility, but also being business friendly.”

Several companies have taken Delaware to court over audits.

One lawsuit was filed recently by Houston-based Plains All American Pipeline even before a Kelmar audit was fully under way. It complained of “confiscation.”

Gregor and Kelmar’s president, Mark McQuillen, defended the state’s arrangements with the company and the auditing procedures.

“Delaware certainly feels the things they are doing are appropriate, and I feel they’re appropriate,” McQuillen said.

California, meanwhile, continues to battle a lawsuit filed in 2001, accusing the state of doing too little to find and notify owners. In 2007, a federal court temporarily shut down the state’s property claims process, forcing legislators to pass a law to fix it.

Since the process restarted, property claimed by California has swelled from \$4.1 billion to \$7.6 billion.

“In particular, because property not reunited with owners becomes state general fund revenue, the unclaimed property law creates an incentive for the state to reunite less property with owners,” California’s non-partisan Legislative Analyst’s Office concluded earlier this year.

In March, the U.S. Court of Appeals in San Francisco ruled in the state’s favor. The lawyer for claimants, William Palmer, has asked the U.S. Supreme Court to hear the case.

“You’re unknown when they have your property, but you’re known when it’s time to tax you,” Palmer said.

Taryn Kinney, a spokeswoman for the state controller’s office, said it doesn’t have the budget to step up search efforts for property owners.

Other states are trying to find more claimants.

Kentucky Treasurer Todd Hollenbach visited all 120 counties, recruiting volunteers to comb through the state’s database.

Among the recent beneficiaries was Fred Meyer, a retired engineer from Louisville who lost track of Apple Inc. stock years ago when it was valued at only \$2 per share. The stock eventually was reported as unclaimed property and sold by the state in 2012. A few weeks ago Hollenbach called Meyer and said he’d be getting a check for \$461,000.



## Overdrive

## Toyota Tacoma is quiet, plush

By CHARLES FLEMING  
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After three days of city and highway driving, I was ready to dismiss the 2016 Toyota Tacoma pickup as a very nice, very tall sedan. One of those citified trucks.

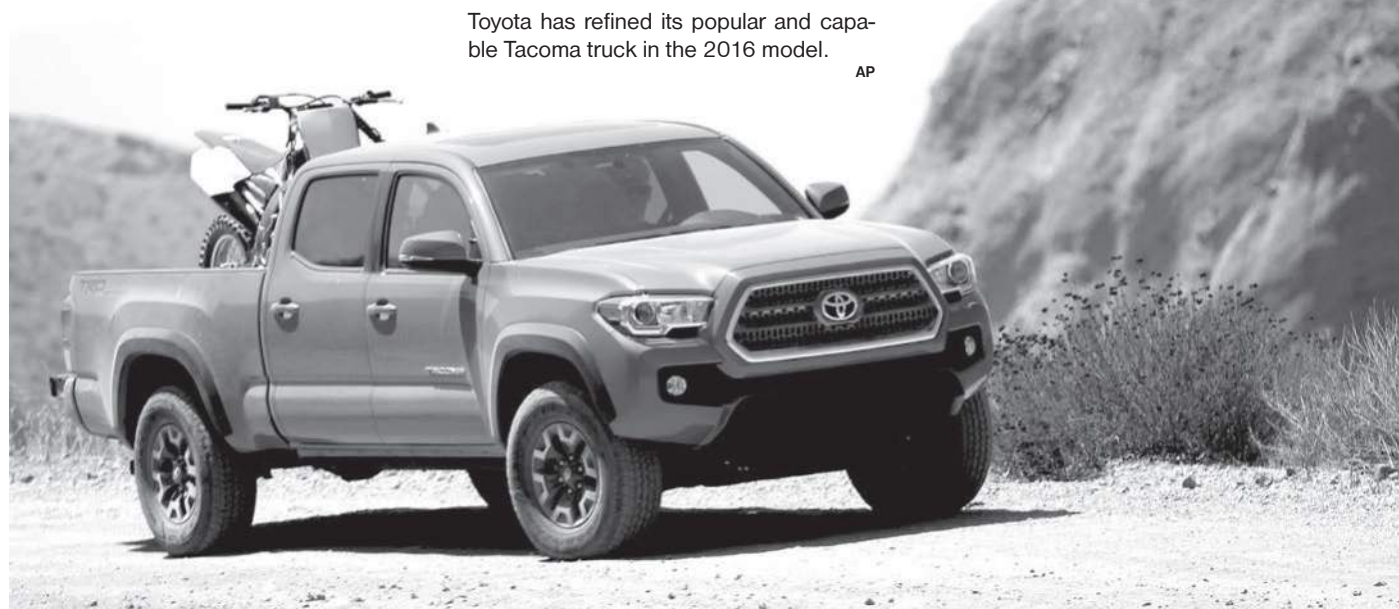
It's so quiet, cushy and comfortable that it hardly seemed to be a truck at all. The plush seats, lush suspension, refined interior and single-finger steering lulled me into a Barcalounger-like state of relaxation. Floating above traffic, I imagined the best use of this midsize truck might be a drive-in movie. Or a nap.

An afternoon off the pavement convinced me otherwise. With a couple of motorcycles in the bed, and a couple of hundred pounds of equipment in the rear seats, I tested the mettle of the TRD Off-Road Double Cab on some ragged dirt roads and trails.

I was mightily impressed. The Tacoma skipped over the rough patches and potholes, staying comfortable and maintaining a bank-vault sense of secure silence. Even in two-wheel-drive mode, the Tacoma had no difficulty with the uneven surfaces and elevation changes. It plowed through the sandy patches and soaked up the washboard.

When I slipped it into four-wheel-drive mode, and gave it a steep hill, the Tacoma climbed like a cat, mocking the elevation, making a molehill out of a mountain.

Toyota, with this third generation of Tacoma trucks—the first serious revision in 10 years—is



Toyota has refined its popular and capable Tacoma truck in the 2016 model.

AP

offering a wide variety of platforms and option packages. The basic versions of the entry-level SR will sport a 2.7-liter, four-cylinder engine, putting out 159 horsepower and 180 pound-feet of torque, mated to a six-speed manual transmission, at a base manufacturer's suggested retail price of about \$25,000.

The souped-up, dressed-up version we tested had a burlier 3.5-liter, six-cylinder fuel-injected engine. Making 278 horsepower and 265 pound-feet of torque, it featured a smooth six-speed automatic transmission, Bilstein high performance shocks and a high-end JBL audio system—bringing the tab to \$37,665.

That's a big price, but this is a big truck—especially considering the Tacoma is technically a “midsize pickup,” in the segment formerly known as “compact.” (I happened to park next to a Tacoma from the 1980s. It looked like a 2016 that someone

had washed and left too long in the drier.

Toyota folks say a substantial portion of Tacoma buyers will use the truck for work, and an even larger percentage will use it off-road. Marketing the truck to what they define as a “young, active male” car buyer, Toyota has loaded the new Tacoma with an array of features, many of them firsts in the mid-sized truck segment.

The 2016 Tacomas come standard with a locking tailgate, for example, wireless phone charging, and the keyless, push-button start associated with higher-end vehicles. There's a back-up camera mounted in the tailgate, and a GoPro mount permanently affixed to the windshield, which Toyota boasts is an industry first. The TRD also has a 120-volt electrical outlet in the truck bed.

“This is kind of like a Swiss Army knife,” said James George, the Tacoma market-

ing manager.

Owners of previous generations of Tacomas, while making the model the best-selling midsize pickup for more than a decade, had complaints. The interior was too spare, the cabin was too loud, and the truck lacked premium features.

Aware that a new Chevrolet Colorado, GMC Canyon and Nissan Frontier had arrived or were soon hitting the marketplace, George said, Toyota gave the new Tacoma more upmarket features and a stylistic redesign meant to look sportier and more aggressive.

“The interior is more refined, but our internal reference for the exterior is ‘badass styling,’” George said. “That’s a technical term.”

Company engineers paid particular attention to the grumbles about noise and vibration. The 2016 models feature enhanced door and window seals, a multi-layer acoustic windshield, and

the increased use of sound-absorbing materials in the headliner and floor pad.

In addition to the cozier cabin and premium features, the Tacoma also has more quotidian comforts. There are several useful cubbies for storing small items in the cabin, and there are 12 cupholders—two in each of the four doors, and two each in the front and rear center consoles, in a vehicle that can seat only five people. Five thirsty people.

The Tacoma TRD with the double cab and 6-foot bed is a little over 10 feet long and weighs 4,500 pounds. All that heft makes it a worker. The TRD can carry 1,300 pounds in the bed, and can tow up to 6,500 pounds off the hitch.

Toyota and the EPA say the Tacoma fitted with four-wheel drive and the six-cylinder engine can get 23 miles per gallon on the highway, and 18 miles per gallon in the city, for a combined 20 miles per gallon.

That's unladen, pulling nothing but its own weight, and it may be ambitious. Babying the truck around town and on the freeway, I was never able to get the in-dash average mileage indicator to show any number above 17.

That probably won't matter much to the consumer drawn to the Tacoma. Gas prices are stable, and truck sales are rising.

This year, overall truck sales are up 10 percent. But transactions in Tacoma's class are up 15.8 percent over the period of January to August 2014, according to online auto sales company TrueCar.

That's partly due to the arrival of new Canyons and Colorados, but segment-leading Tacoma sales are up 18 percent—before the introduction of the new model, which began hitting showrooms in early September.

## NUTS &amp; BOLTS

## Toyota Tacoma TRD Off-Road Double Cab

■ Toyota Tacoma TRD Off-Road Double Cab

■ Times' take: A lush, plush, tough truck

■ Highs: Quiet and comfortable on-road, quite capable off-road

■ Lows: Sluggish, even with a big engine

■ Vehicle type: Four-door, five-seat, pickup truck

Base price: \$34,630

■ Price as tested: \$37,665

■ Powertrain: 3.5-liter, six-cylinder engine

■ Transmission: 4x4 automatic

■ Horsepower: 278

■ Torque: 265 pound-feet

■ Zero to 60 mph: N/A

■ EPA fuel economy rating: 18 mpg city/23 highway/20 combined

## MOTORING Q&amp;A

## Double-check your warranty

By PAUL BRAND  
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**Q: I purchased a 2012 Honda Accord with 39,890 miles. It now has 41,458 miles. The first few hundred miles I heard a slight and infrequent noise upon startup. Now the noise is present on startup every day. The sound has been diagnosed as being related to the variable valve timing actuator. The dealership where I purchased the auto was unable to hear the noise during its inspection. I believe the Honda carries a five-year/50,000-mile warranty. I received a free lifetime warranty from the dealership where I purchased the auto. A Honda customer service rep told me the timing actuator was not covered by the war-**

**ranty. Upon contacting the dealership where I purchased the Accord, I was told that they would have to inspect the auto and determine who is responsible for the repair. Can or will the noisy variable valve timing actuator cause damage to the engine, valves or timing chain?**

**A:** Honda's 2012 new car powertrain warranty covers, among other components, “cylinder block and head and all internal parts, timing gears and gaskets, timing chain/belt and cover” for five years/60,000 miles. I would think that the variable valve timing actuator on the camshaft would be included in the “all internal parts.”

My automotive database pulled up a Honda service bulletin dated September 2014 covering “engine rattles on cold

start.” It describes a loud rattle on a cold start as indicating a faulty variable valve timing control actuator in need of replacement.

I doubt that noise from this actuator would cause any damage or concern for long-term reliability. With that said, it seems clear that replacement should be covered by the original Honda powertrain warranty.

**Q: I have a 2005 Land Rover LR3 with 94,000 miles on it. About two years ago I periodically started getting “transmission fault” warnings which prompted the vehicle to go into limp mode: All the dashboard warning lights came on, the gauges would stop working, the suspension would sink down to the lowest setting, and it only had limited gears available. This**

**would happen about once a month or so, but usually a restart or letting it sit for a short time would reset it. This has gotten more frequent and restarting or letting it sit would no longer clear it up. The car has been in the dealership nine times for a total of 103 days in the shop. At each service they would try a new solution, including clearing the faulty communication codes, fixing some broken wire splices and replacing the compressor. The last time it happened they were unable to reset it and it remains in limp mode. The dealership suggested replacing the anti-lock braking system module, which is a \$4,000 repair. I'd be tempted to do the repair if I knew it would fix the problem. However, I am reluctant to keep throwing away money to fix something that is appearing to be unsolvable.**

**A:** I found a Land Rover service bulletin dated March 2006 that may apply to your vehicle. It closely describes this scenario and points to a software or mechanical problem with either the transfer case clutch motor or electronic torque managed rear differential motor. If diagnostic fault code P186D is recorded, either of these motors may have become stuck.

When the ignition is switched on, the transfer case clutch motor is initialized by running through its full range of travel. If voltage is low or interrupted the motor will stop somewhere mid-travel. When voltage returns it will try to initialize again but restarts from its stalled position. It will then experience an unexpected early stop, stall and trigger the P186D code.

If the ETM motor is actuated while the brake is partially

applied, it can cause the motor to stick and generate the fault code.

If the problem is not software-related, the warning light will be on permanently and the fault code will be recorded at every startup.

This might be corrected by reprogramming the transfer case control module and/or the ETM rear differential control module.

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## Life & Style

# Bill Cosby suffers series of setbacks in sex assault cases

**BOSTON (AP)**—In both the court of law and the court of public opinion, the case is growing against Bill Cosby.

A year after allegations of sexual assault resurfaced and snowballed, women who've accused him of sexual assault are giving emotional interviews en masse, judges are ruling against him and colleges are continuing to revoke honorary degrees bestowed upon him when he was one of the country's most admired entertainers.

Cosby, 78, now faces five separate lawsuits, including one filed last week by a woman who says Cosby repeatedly sexually assaulted her beginning when she was 16. Earlier this month, a judge in California refused to throw out a lawsuit filed by a woman who accuses Cosby of molesting her when she was 15. Days later, a federal judge in Massachusetts rejected Cosby's bid to dismiss a defamation lawsuit brought by three women who've accused him of sexually abusing them decades ago. He spent a day being deposed

in Boston in connection with a lawsuit by attorney Gloria Allred. And more depositions are likely in the weeks ahead.

If that weren't enough, 27 of the women who say Cosby sexually assaulted them were interviewed together on "Dateline NBC." Ebony magazine ran a cover with a photo of "The Cosby Show" cast under broken glass. And at least three more universities rescinded honorary degrees in the past week.

Tufts University in Massachusetts delivered a double blow, withdrawing both an honorary doctorate of arts and an award for excellence in children's media, saying Cosby has "demonstrated a lack of character and integrity." It joined a growing list of schools—including Fordham, Marquette and Brown University—that have sought to erase any affiliation with Cosby.

All this comes after a year of Cosby and his attorneys denying or refusing to comment as dozens of women went public with stories of sexual assault dating back to the 1960s. Cos-

by, a comedian and actor who first rose to fame in the '60s, starred as Dr. Cliff Huxtable on "The Cosby Show" from 1984 to 1992, a role that cemented his image as an upright family man.

"It appears it's catching up to him now. There's a tsunami of women who have allegedly been affected by Mr. Cosby and are wanting to be heard," said Joseph Cammarata, who represents the three women in the federal defamation suit filed in Massachusetts, where Cosby has a house in Shelburne Falls.

Things could get even worse for Cosby in the next few months. Prosecutors in Pennsylvania and California could still bring criminal charges.

Although the statute of limitations has expired in most of the cases, the release this year of Cosby's deposition in a 2005 sex-assault lawsuit in Pennsylvania seemingly prompted the current prosecutor to reopen the criminal case.

Montgomery County District Attorney Risa Vetri Ferman won't confirm her office

is reinvestigating the complaint by Andrea Constand, a former director of women's basketball operations at Temple University, where Cosby was a longtime trustee. However, Ferman said in a recent statement that prosecutors must review prior decisions if new evidence comes to light. And a well-known Philadelphia defense lawyer confirmed that Cosby's camp asked him to represent the actor in a Montgomery County criminal probe.

The statute of limitations for felony sexual assault in Pennsylvania is 12 years, which means Ferman has until Janu-

ary—the same month she leaves office—to file charges.

In California, Los Angeles County prosecutors are reviewing allegations by model Chloe Goins, who sued Cosby this month, claiming he drugged and sexually assaulted her in 2008.

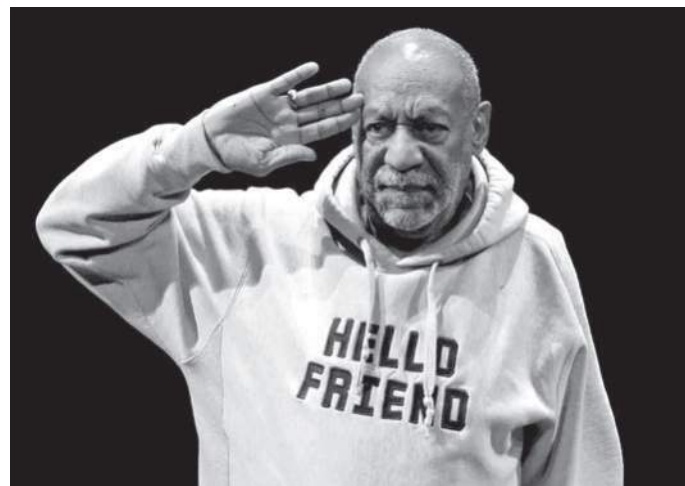
Cosby's lawyer, Martin Singer, has denied Goins' allegations, saying Cosby wasn't in Los Angeles on the date originally provided by her attorneys. Another lawsuit was filed on Wednesday. Renita Hill accuses Cosby of drugging her drinks and assaulting her at hotels in several cities in the 1980s, begin-

ning when she was still in high school. Her lawsuit alleges that Cosby defamed her when he, his wife, Camille, and his attorney made statements portraying her as a liar. None of the statements mentioned Hill by name.

Singer did not return calls or emails for comment, and Monique Pressley, another Cosby attorney, declined to comment. They have repeatedly denied some of the women's allegations. Cosby has never been charged with a crime.

"What I am saying is that Mr. Cosby has denied the accusations that have been lodged thus far. The sheer volume or number of people who are saying a particular thing does not make it true," Pressley said on "Good Morning America" in July. Cosby's accusers say his once-impeccable image has been shattered.

"He has created his legacy, and his legacy has taken a shift," said Barbara Bowman, who was a 17-year-old aspiring actress in 1985 when she says Cosby sexually assaulted her. Bowman was one of 13 women who had planned to testify for Constand in a civil suit Cosby settled in 2006 before it went to trial.



In this Jan. 17, 2015, file photo, comedian Bill Cosby salutes the crowd as he begins a performance at the Buell Theater in Denver. **AP**

## Princeton honoring memory of mathematician John Nash

**PRINCETON, N.J. (AP)**—Five months after his remarkable life ended in a crash on a New Jersey highway, Princeton University is paying tribute to John Nash, the Nobel Prize-winning mathematician remembered by colleagues for his brilliance and by millions for the Hollywood movie about him.

The Ivy League school will hold a day of academic panels and remembrance events on Saturday to honor John Nash, whose struggle with schizophrenia was chronicled in 2001's "A Beautiful Mind." Nash and his wife, Alicia, were killed in a taxi crash on the New Jersey Turnpike in late May.

The couple were returning home from Oslo, Norway, where John Nash had received the 2015 Abel Prize from the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters, one of the most prestigious honors in mathematics. The prize recognized his seminal work in partial differential equations, which are used to describe the basic laws of scientific phenomena.

"In terms of brilliance, he was no regular guy. His impact with just a few papers is something

special," said Peter Sarnak, the Eugene Higgins Professor of Mathematics at Princeton. "That he died on his way back from a ceremony where he received one of the biggest prizes in mathematics, that was tragic. But it was good to see mathematicians recognize him, because my feeling is he wasn't appreciated the way he should have been. For his fellow mathematicians, the Abel Prize was a long-overdue acknowledgment of his contributions to mathematics."

Among the day's feature events is a public lecture by Sylvia Nasar, who wrote the biography on which the movie starring Russell Crowe as Nash was based. Nash's relatives and colleagues will also gather at the University Chapel for a public event to honor Nash's life and his long connection to the school.

Nash had a long connection with the university, receiving his doctorate in mathematics from Princeton in 1950 after he got his graduate and bachelor's degrees from the Carnegie Institute of Technology (now Carnegie Mellon University) in 1948. The 1994 Nobel Prize winner

in economics, Nash had held the position of senior research mathematician at Princeton since 1995 and was renowned for his work in game theory.

Sarnak described Nash as "a very nice guy who would come to lectures and seminars and ask interesting questions. He could also talk about anything at parties."

Joseph Kohn, a professor emeritus of mathematics at Princeton, said staffers there were very supportive of Nash.

Kohn said Nash "seemed to get a boost" from winning the Nobel Prize, adding it was inspiring to work with him because of his many accomplishments in mathematics. But Kohn said Nash's impact was not just limited to his field, noting that his work in analyzing financial markets continues to benefit society.

He also believes Nash's legacy and the appreciation for his work will grow in coming years as people become more aware of the "fantastic work" he was doing and start to understand the ideas behind them.

"People owe him a tremendous amount, whether they know it or not," Kohn said.

## Novel 'A Little Life' up for \$5,000 Andrew Carnegie medal

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Hanya Yanagihara's "A Little Life," a 700-page novel that has won the \$50,000 Kirkus fiction prize and received a nomination for a National Book Award, is now up for an honor handed out by the American Library Association.

The association announced

Monday that "A Little Life" is one of three finalists for the Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Fiction. The other nominees are Jim Shepard's "The Book of Aron" and Viet Thanh Nguyen's "The Sympathizer."

In the nonfiction category, the finalists are Helen Macdonald's

best-selling "H is for Hawk," Andrea Wulf's "The Invention of Nature" and photographer Sally Mann's memoir "Hold Still," also a National Book Award nominee.

Winners in each category, to be announced Jan. 10, receive \$5,000. Runners-up receive \$1,000.

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As we remember our Mother.  
Grandmother and Sister...

**†ROSARIO M. ELAMETO,**

Affectionately known as  
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We invite our family and friends to join us as we celebrate  
the first year anniversary of her life with our Lord.

Daily Mass of Intention is offered at Mount Carmel Cathedral at  
6:00AM beginning October 20 and ending October 28, followed by  
the Recitation of the Holy Rosary at 5:30PM at the residence  
of Jesus M. Elameto, Falaghulo.



**A**T L A N T A (AP)—T.I. has always found a way to have success, even when it wasn't about his own music.

He's done a reality show with his wife and kids, appeared on blockbuster pop collaborations and endless rap features, and of course had huge success with controversial protegee Iggy Azalea—all of which has kept him in the spotlight at times of transition in his own career.

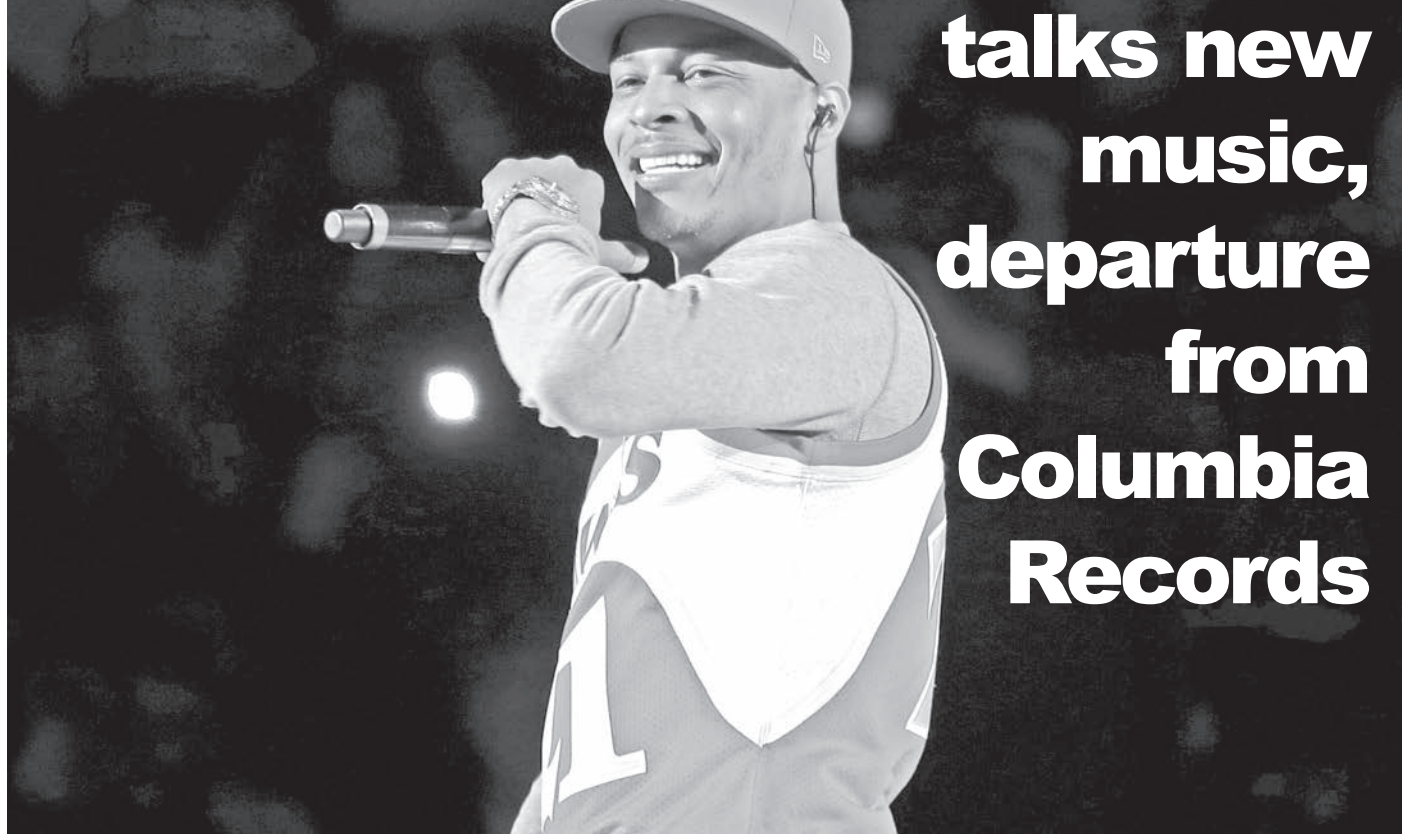
Now, the self-proclaimed "King of the South" is back and looking for a musical rebirth. He changed his stage name to his childhood name of Tip, and with his new EP "Da' Nic," he's gone independent, breaking away from a label for the first time.

T.I. says his ability to boost others—like his cameo on the Robin Thicke 2013 smash "Blurred Lines"—and the success of his street anthem "About the Money" last year proves he is still highly capable of churning out hits.

"If you can put together the right music, create the right energy and story, you can still have exceptional success," said T.I., who is set to release his 10th album, "The Dime Trap," later this year.

**Associated Press: Outside of family and friends, the masses know you as T.I. Why make the**

AP  
In this Nov. 1, 2014, file photo, rapper T.I. performs before the start of an NBA basketball game between the Indiana Pacers and the Atlanta Hawks in Atlanta.



## T.I. talks new music, departure from Columbia Records

### change to Tip now?

**T.I.:** At this point, for me to be world famous and for being called a name that no one else really calls me just seemed kind of awkward to me. I never thought enough to do so (change the name). It just seemed like

more trouble than it's worth. If I was still at the same label or situation, it would be a different story. This sets the stage and opens the door for a new start.

**AP: Your 2014 album, "Paperwork," which was released under Columbia, seemed to**

### garner mostly positive reviews. Why did the partnership end?

**T.I.:** We had one, plus an (additional year) option. We did the first project and we both made money. We didn't shock the world or blow the roof off of what we intended to do. But

I think that I walked away with a positive enough experience to say I'm good. I really don't have a problem with them. They were good partners. We shared that moment. ... I don't think it was impressive enough of a project or a rollout or relationship that either one of us needed

to stay longer and invest more.

**AP: You released the "Da' Nic" independently through your label Grand Hustle Records and Empire Distribution in September. How has independent life treated you?**

**T.I.:** I don't have to wait on anybody. I don't have to wait on the opinions or the objective of anyone else other than me and my nucleus around me. We have been producing great material for years. We have a perfect idea of what we do and how we should apply it to the market place. ... We don't need anybody in the midst of that slowing it down, because they don't get it or haven't caught up to us artistically. They just aren't on the same page. It's refreshing to not be constricted.

**AP: What's your reasoning behind releasing the EP?**

**T.I.:** The core of what I do is to be a voice for the people in the underserved areas of society that can't speak for themselves. That's what they want me to do.

**AP: Could you ever see yourself back with a major label?**

**T.I.:** If I found an appropriate partner through my campaign (to get back on a label) that could benefit me, I won't ignore it. But right now, we're doing this how we did it since day one. We're doing it the same way when we left Arista, and started working "Trap Muzik" on our own before we left Atlantic (Records). It's a perfect time to make a change.

## 'Goosebumps' spooks 'Spies,' 'Crimson Peak' at box office

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Scare-seeking audiences preferred the family-friendly "Goosebumps" over the gothic horror of Guillermo del Toro's haunted house pic "Crimson Peak" two weekends out from Halloween.

Sony's "Goosebumps," based on the popular book series, earned \$23.5 million out of the gates to take the first-place spot, while del Toro's "Crimson Peak" languished at fourth with \$12.8 million.

"Goosebumps" also managed to beat "The Martian" by a hair, pushing Ridley Scott's space adventure to the second-place spot for the first time in its three-week run with \$21.5 million.

Starring Jack Black as author R.L. Stine, "Goosebumps" cost a reported \$58 million to produce. Audiences, 59 percent of whom were under the age of 25, gave the film a promising "A" CinemaScore, and reviews have been mostly favorable for the PG-rated pic.

"It's set up so well for not only this weekend, but for the rest of the fall," said Rory Bruer, Sony's president of worldwide distribution. "The word of mouth is just terrific. I think we were able to convey how much fun the film is for the entire family, no matter what their age."

The Halloween-timing didn't necessarily help "Crimson Peak," though. The Legendary film, distributed by Universal, failed to attract a significant audience in its debut. Those who

did turn out gave the film a lousy B- CinemaScore.

It's one of del Toro's lowest wide openings; 1997's "Mimic" earned only \$7.8 million in its first weekend in theaters.

One of the issues is that the movie, starring Mia Wasikowska, Jessica Chastain and Tom Hiddleston, is rated R, and therefore has a more limited audience. Also, despite promises of a haunted house, the film, which cost a reported \$55 million to produce, is more of a gothic romance than a classic horror.

"It's not a slasher movie, it's not a PG-13 movie aimed at the date crowd. It's more of a sophisticated movie," said Paul Dergarabedian, Rentrak's senior media analyst.

Also on the lower end, Steven Spielberg's well-received cold-war thriller "Bridge of Spies," meanwhile, debuted in third-place with \$15.4 million from 2,811 theaters.

Despite the PG-13 rating, audiences for the \$40 million film starring Tom Hanks were overwhelmingly adult. An estimated 88 percent were over the age of 25, according to a Rentrak survey.

"This is a movie that will have a very long life in theaters. Older audiences won't rush out and may even wait until mid-week to see the film in theaters," Dergarabedian said.

"Bridge of Spies," like other adult-themed films, will be playing the long game across

the fall and the beginning of awards season.

"We have to look at the fall movie season as a marathon, not a sprint like summer," Dergarabedian said.

"Beasts of No Nation," meanwhile, failed to ignite a day and date revolution. The film, produced by Netflix, debuted simultaneously on the streaming platform and in theaters Friday. Its earned only \$50,699 from 31 theaters for a lackluster \$1,635 per theater average.

Internationally, "Ant-Man" opened in China to \$43.2 million, bringing its global take to \$454.6 million. Disney recently announced that a sequel is in the works for 2017.

1. **"Goosebumps,"** \$23.5 million.
2. **"The Martian,"** \$21.5 million (\$37 million international).
3. **"Bridge of Spies,"** \$15.4 million.
4. **"Crimson Peak,"** \$12.8 million (\$13.4 million international).
5. **"Hotel Transylvania 2,"** \$12.3 million (\$30.6 million international).
6. **"Pan,"** \$5.9 million (\$14.4 million international).
7. **"The Intern,"** \$5.4 million (\$11.3 million international).
8. **"Sicario,"** \$4.5 million (\$3 million international).
9. **"Woodlawn,"** \$4.1 million.
10. **"Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials,"** \$2.8 million (\$8.7 million international).

## Dispute over 1999 hit an ongoing problem for rapper Jay Z

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—There's no dispute that Jay Z's 1999 hit "Big Pimpin'" includes elements of a 1950s Egyptian love ballad, yet the flute notes taken from "Khosara Khosara" have created a lingering problem for the rapper and a hit-making producer.

For two days last week, Jay Z and producer Timbaland sat in a courtroom in downtown Los Angeles, listening as lawyers and witnesses picked apart their song and the actions that led to its creation.

The men, who have a combined 25 Grammy Awards between them, are being sued by the nephew of the late Egyptian composer Baligh Hamdi, who wrote the distinctive flute notes that ended up in "Big Pimpin'."

An attorney for Hamdi's heir contends the artists and their labels never obtained the proper permission from Hamdi's heirs to use "Khosara Khosara." Lawyers for the pair, however, say proper permission to use the flute notes was obtained in 2001, Hamdi's nephew has been paid for its usage and the case should be decided in Jay Z and Timbaland's favor.

Testimony in the case will draw to a close on Tuesday, and then it will be up to an eight-person jury to wade through a complicated series of contracts, correspondence and agreements that span three continents.

They've heard directly from

Jay Z and Timbaland, who explained how "Big Pimpin'" came together and why they believe they have the right to use the "Khosara Khosara" notes.

Timbaland, whose real name is Timothy Mosley, paid \$100,000 in 2001 to settle an out-of-court claim from a record company with rights to distribute Hamdi's music outside Egypt. It would be another six years before Hamdi's nephew, Osama Ahmed Fahmy, sued Mosley and Jay Z for copyright infringement. Fahmy also asserts the raunchy lyrics of "Big Pimpin'" violate the "moral rights" of his uncle's work, although that legal concept is enforceable only in Egypt and Jay Z's lyrics are not an issue in the case.

Toward the end of his testimony Wednesday, Mosley told jurors his reaction to Fahmy's lawsuit when it emerged so many years after "Big Pimpin'" was created: "So, who did I pay 100 grand to?"

Paying other artists to sample their work is commonplace, especially in the rap and hip-hop genres.

Mosley's payment is how the system should work, said Jonathan Steinsapir, an intellectual property lawyer with the firm Kinsella Weitzman Iser Kump & Aldisert.

"It sure seems like Jay Z, Timbaland and their legal team in good faith thought they had a li-

cense," he said. "They were doing what we want people to do."

He added, "That's not an insignificant fee at all," Steinsapir said. "That's a big fee. They paid it."

Jay Z, whose real name is Shawn Carter, also said he believed they had all the appropriate rights for "Big Pimpin'."

"We have the rights as you can see on the bottom of the CD," Carter testified Wednesday, referencing liner notes that credit "Khosara Khosara."

Whether jurors will see the claim in such simple terms remains to be seen.

Trials over song copyrights are rare, yet the "Big Pimpin'" case is the second major case to get argued to a jury in Los Angeles this year. In March, a jury awarded Marvin Gaye's children \$7.4 million from Pharrell and Robin Thicke after determining their 2013 hit, "Blurred Lines" copied Gaye's hit "Got to Give It Up."

A judge later trimmed the verdict to \$5.3 million, but the case remains mired in post-trial motions and will likely face years of appeals.

The cases are different. While there's no dispute that "Khosara Khosara" is sampled on the Jay Z song, Pharrell denied he copied Gaye's music. He acknowledged he was influenced by Gaye's music and trying to recreate its feel, but said he didn't copy it outright.



# Murphy receives top US humor prize at Kennedy Center



WASHINGTON (AP)—Eddie Murphy is trading places with Mark Twain.

The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts is honoring the comedian, film star, producer and director Sunday evening with the nation's top prize for humor.

A lineup of funny men and women including Dave Chapelle, George Lopez, Kathy Griffin, Arsenio Hall, Trevor

In this Feb. 22, 2015 file photo, Eddie Murphy presents the award for best original screenplay at the Oscars at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles.

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Noah and Whitney Cummings will salute Murphy with the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor.

Other performers include stars from "Saturday Night Live," where Murphy had an early break. Among the SNL alumni paying tribute to Murphy are Tracy Morgan, Chris Rock, Jay Pharoah, Kevin Nealon and Joe Piscopo.

The humor prize honors those who influence society in the tradition of Samuel Clemens, the writer and satirist known as Mark Twain. Past honorees include Jay Leno, Carol Burnett, Tina Fey, Whoopi Goldberg,

Ellen DeGeneres, Will Ferrell, Richard Pryor and Bill Cosby.

Murphy gained national attention when he joined the SNL cast in 1980 at the age of 19. He went on to become the most commercially successful African-American actor in film history and one of the industry's Top 5 box office performers overall, the Kennedy Center said. Murphy's films have been among Hollywood's highest-grossing comedies, including "48 Hours," "Trading Places," "Dr. Dolittle" and "Coming to America."

The tribute will be broadcast Nov. 23 on PBS.

## Netflix's 'Beasts of No Nation' fizzles in theaters

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Netflix hasn't broken the theatrical mold with its first feature film, "Beasts of No Nation." The online streaming ser-

vice debuted the film, about a child soldier in Africa from director Cary Fukunaga, on its platform and in 31 theaters on Friday.

Numbers have not and likely won't be released for just how many Netflix subscribers streamed the film this weekend, but the theatri-

cal numbers are not impressive. "Beasts of No Nation" brought in \$50,699 from the 31 locations for a \$1,635 per-theater average.

Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for box office tracker Rentrak, says the film was "more of a test case scenario" and "was going to

have a rough go in theaters anyway."

Bleecker Street handled the theatrical release. The film cost \$6 million to produce.

## Composer proposes to set words to Spain's national anthem

MADRID (AP)—A composer has asked Spain's parliament to back his proposal to set words to the country's lyric-free national anthem, the songsmith said in a website he has launched to back his initiative.

Madrid musician Victor Lago said he submitted his lyrics to the lower house and also launched a campaign to collect the 500,000 signatures needed to enable lawmakers to debate his proposal.

Spain's wordless national anthem has often caused consternation among onlookers from other nations at international events like soccer matches and Olympics because all Spaniards can do is hum along to its tune.

According to news agency Europa Press, the Committee on Petitions to Parliament agreed to refer the composer's proposal to Spain's constitutional commission.

A previous attempt to set words to the march-like tune,

organized by the Spanish Olympic Committee, flopped in 2008 when the lyrics put forward were deemed to be too politically-charged.

Lago said his lyrics are neutral and inspired solely by his love for Spain and Spaniards.

"When I wrote the lyrics, I tried to stay as politically neutral as possible and attempted to imbue them with higher values that are above any movement or political orientation," Lago said.

The composer added that Spaniards deserved lyrics that could be "sung with pride by all across the length and breadth of our geography."

Spain's anthem is a military march dating back to the 18th century, its composer unknown. As the tune has no words, Spaniards can at most sing "La, la, la" or "chunda, chunda, chunda"—or just hum—making for awkward moments at official ceremonies and sporting events.

## Tracy Morgan, bouncing back from bad crash, returns to 'SNL'

NEW YORK (AP)—Tracy Morgan returned to a familiar stage, hosting "Saturday Night Live" in his first appearance on the show since a vehicle crash that left him in a coma.

"I was in a terrible car accident more than a year ago. It was awful, but it also showed me how much love and support I have in this world," the comic said in his opening monologue.

"People are wondering, 'Can he speak? Does he have 100 percent mental capacity?'" he asked. "The truth is, I never did. I might even be a few points higher."

In one sketch, he was joined by "30 Rock" co-stars Tina Fey, Alec Baldwin, Jane Krakowski



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In this April 28, 2012, file photo, Tracy Morgan attends The Comedy Awards in New York. Morgan has returned to his familiar stage, hosting "Saturday Night Live" for the first time Saturday Oct. 17, 2015, since a vehicle crash left him in a coma, which provided material for his opening monologue.

and Jack McBrayer. Fey broke character to inject a serious note:

"We're so happy you're OK. We're even happier you're ready

## 'Star Wars' trailer to play during 'Monday Night Football'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—More than just football fans will likely be tuning in to watch halftime on "Monday Night Football" this week. A new trailer for "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" will

debut during halftime of the New York Giants and Philadelphia Eagles game, Lucasfilm announced Sunday. Tickets will also go on sale for the film, opening Dec. 18, after the trailer plays.

The game will be broadcast on ESPN, which, like Lucasfilm is a subsidiary of The Walt Disney Company. "The Force Awakens," the seventh film in the franchise, is one of the most anti-

to make people laugh again."

Morgan also brought back a couple of his familiar characters—Astronaut Jones (stranded on Mars, a la Matt Damon in "The Martian") and animal expert Brian Fellow (joined by a real camel, who mostly co-operated).

Morgan suffered severe head trauma in June 2014 when a truck on the New Jersey Turnpike slammed into the back of the limo van he was riding in. Comedian James "Jimmy Mack" McNair, a mentor of Morgan's, was killed in the crash. Morgan was in a coma for two weeks. Three other passengers suffered serious injuries.

pated of the year. Even its trailer launches have become events in and of themselves. The second teaser trailer, which debuted in April, has over 64 million views on YouTube to date.

## Wife needs a wake-up call on family's sleeping patterns

**DEAR ABBY:** My wife and I have been married 16 years. We have three boys, ages 12, 6 and 2. My 6-year-old doesn't sleep in his bed. He sleeps on the couch. My wife sleeps in a recliner in the den. The 2-year-old usually sleeps with her. Sometimes he sleeps in a crib in our room. I sleep by myself in a king-size bed.

There is no possibility for romance. The only time there can be is when my wife comes to bed. If this happens, I know something is going to take place, but I have no chance to initiate. Our sex life is totally up to her. Once a month or so is fine with her, but not for me.

I have told her how I feel about our "sleeping arrangements," but nothing has changed. I know I snore, but she has not complained about it keeping her awake or used it as an excuse.

Our 6-year-old will not sleep in his bed as long as his mother sleeps in the recliner. The longer this goes on, the harder it will be to get him in his bed. Do you have any advice on what I should do or say about this situation?

SLEEPING SOLO IN THE SOUTH

**DEAR SLEEPING SOLO:** Obviously this arrangement isn't working for you. Unless you want to live the rest of your life this way, you are complaining to the wrong woman.

**Your wife is doing the children no favors by allowing these unorthodox sleeping arrangements. It's time to lay your cards on the table with her. Tell her you need some straight answers about why she's unwilling to share your bed. But if her answers are not forthcoming, marriage counseling may be necessary to improve your level of communication.**

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**DEAR ABBY:** I recently saw a link on Facebook to a fundraising site for the son of a childhood friend. (He is under 18.) When I clicked on it, I discovered he is in rehab at a private-care facility that requires he stay for months. It is very expensive. I contributed as generously as I could, considering my limited finances, and received a thank-you for my support. I was happy to help.

Now, less than three weeks later, I'm seeing pictures of my friend on vacation. I don't plan to say anything to this person, but I have learned a valuable lesson. From now on, I will donate my hard-earned money only to organizations I believe in and have researched.

Is this a new trend, people asking others to fund their family problems so they can go on with life as usual? I recently saw a GoFundMe page for a funeral, and I know the family is well-off. I think this is very tacky. Or am I behind the times? Your thoughts?

NO VACATION FOR ME

### DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
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**DEAR NO VACATION:** More than a few individuals are using crowdfunding to pay for various things. It has helped some people enormously in their time of need. But for someone who is not in need to do this, I agree is tacky. However, regardless of what you and I may think, it's happening nonetheless. Nothing ventured, nothing gained, I guess.

Abby shares more than 100 of her favorite recipes in two booklets: "Abby's Favorite Recipes" and "More Favorite Recipes by Dear Abby." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$14 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Cookbooklet Set, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)



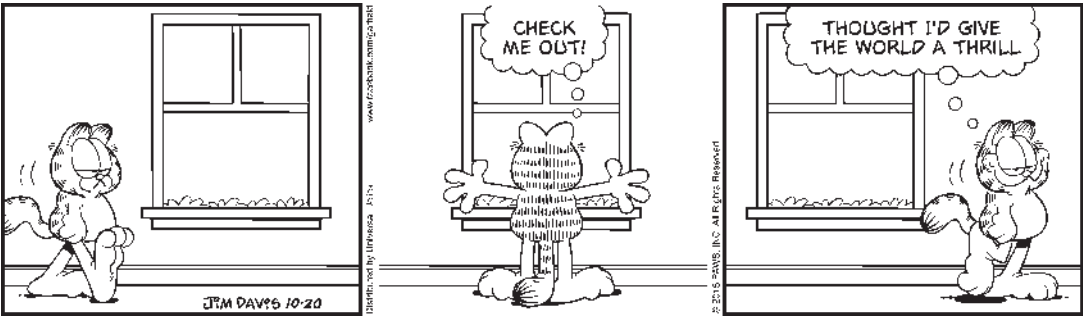
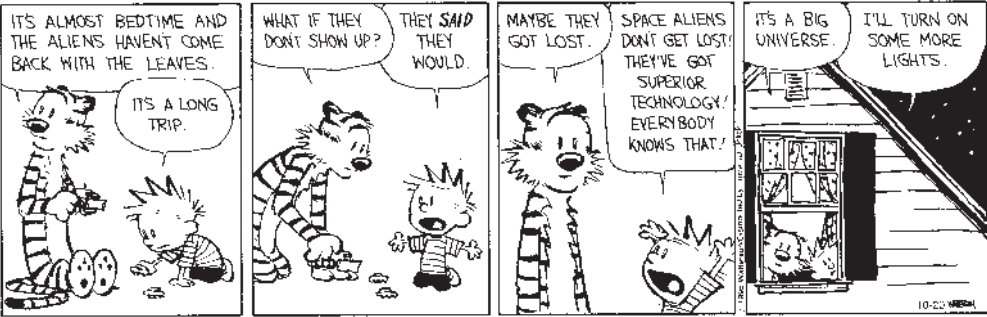
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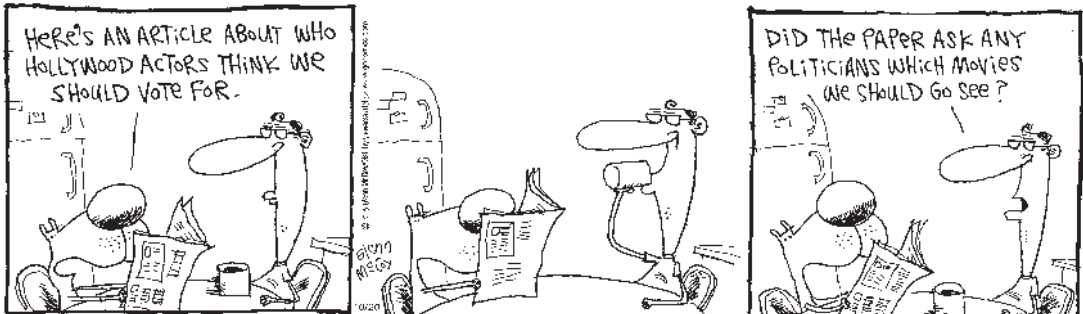
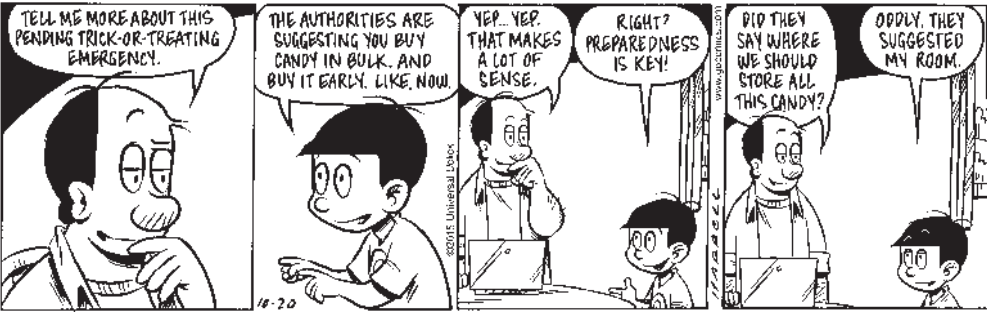


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**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** John Krasinski, 36; Snoop Dogg, 44; Viggo Mortensen, 57; Tom Petty, 65.

**Happy Birthday:** Share your ideas and work alongside others in order to reach your goals. Your ability to find solutions and help a cause you believe in will lead to interesting opportunities and a change in the way you move forward in your personal life. A move or altering your lifestyle will benefit you mentally and financially. Your numbers are 2, 8, 13, 21, 33, 37, 42.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Protect your position and your reputation. Don't let anyone bully you or cause you to make an impulsive move that isn't to your benefit. Use your intelligence to gain ground and outsmart anyone who gets in your way. ★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Express the way you feel by taking action and following through with your plans. Take a day trip or converse with someone who has information that will help you make positive adjustments to the way you live. Romance is highlighted. ★★★★★

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# Pats take advantage of Colts' aggressive play in 34-27 win



## INDIANAPOLIS

(AP)—Colts coach Chuck Pagano stayed aggressive. Bill Belichick just wanted the Patriots to stay composed.

It was no contest—again.

This time, Indianapolis' unusual-looking punt formation fooled nobody and the ill-advised play backfired. The botched fake punt gave Tom Brady the ball back at the Colts 35-yard line late in the third quarter, and six plays later he threw an 11-yard touchdown pass to LeGarrette Blount to seal a 34-27 victory.

"It turned out to be one of the worst failed fakes probably of all time," Indianapolis punter Pat McAfee said.

Actually, the play was put in during practice last season and pulled out of the playbook at exactly the wrong time—with New England clinging to a 27-21 lead.

The Colts (3-3) shifted most of their players near the right sideline. Pagano was hoping to draw the Patriots into a mistake. Instead, receiver Griff Whalen inexplicably snapped the ball to safety Colt Anderson, who was immediately tackled for a 1-yard loss.

"I saw the formation, and I wasn't sure what was going on," Patriots defensive end Chandler Jones said. "It was great awareness by our team."

The bizarre play overshadowed everything else in one of this season's most hyped—the rematch of January's AFC championship game, which spawned the "Deflategate" controversy.

Tom Brady was his usually brilliant self, going 23 of 37 with 312 yards, three touchdowns and his first interception of the season as the Patriots improved to 5-0 for the first time since they're 16-0 season in 2007.

Andrew Luck returned from an injured right shoulder after missing the previous two games and played his best game of the year. He was 30 of 50 for 312 yards and three touchdowns.

Pagano's risky play calls did pay some dividends.

His first fourth-down gamble, on the game's opening series, resulted in a 5-yard TD pass from Luck to Donte Moncrief. His second, an onside kick after Indy took a 14-10 lead, nearly worked but the refs ruled New England recovered the ball, a play that was upheld on a coach's challenge.

But after Brady's 25-yard TD pass to Rob Gronkowski gave New England a 27-21 lead early in the third quarter, the fake punt proved costly.

"We expected this to be a gadget game," Belichick said. "Their punter ran a sweep against Tennessee a couple weeks ago, so that's something they've done in the past."

## Bengals 34, Bills 21

In Orchard Park, New York, Andy Dalton threw three



touchdown passes as Cincinnati beat Buffalo to improve to 6-0 and match the best start in franchise history.

With star receiver A.J. Green covered much of the game, Dalton completed touchdown passes to Marvin Jones, Tyler Eifert and Jeremy Hill. Dalton finished 22 of 33 for 243 yards for Cincinnati, which was also 6-0 to start the 1975 and '88 seasons.

The Bengals broke the game open by scoring 17 points on their first three second-half possessions to build a 34-14 lead.

The Bills (3-3) were undone by injuries and several penalties that allowed the Bengals to enjoy an average drive start of midfield in the first half.

## Broncos 26, Browns 23, OT

In Cleveland, Peyton Manning shook off three interceptions and drove Denver in range for Brandon McManus' 34-yard field goal with 4:56 left in overtime.

Manning took the Broncos from their own 12 to Cleveland's 16 before McManus kicked his game-winner to make Denver 6-0 for the seventh time in franchise history. The Broncos only rallied thanks to their top-ranked defense, which came up big in overtime.

After Manning's third pick, Denver recorded two sacks to push the Browns (2-4) out of field-goal range.

## Packers 27, Chargers 20

In Green Bay, Wisconsin, Green Bay stopped San Diego on

fourth-and-goal from the 3 with 15 seconds left and overcame a career day by Philip Rivers to hold off the Chargers.

Rivers set career highs with 43 completions, 65 attempts and 503 yards passing. He threw for two touchdowns for the Chargers (2-4). But he needed one more completion.

Rookie cornerback Damarious Randall lunged to poke away Rivers' short pass to Danny Woodhead near the front right pylon in the final seconds.

The fans inside Lambeau Field erupted with a collective sigh of relief. Green Bay (6-0) survived its biggest scare of the year to stay unbeaten.

The Packers started strong and finished barely in front. Running back James Starks had touchdowns on a 65-yard run and a 5-yard pass in the first quarter.

## Lions 37, Bears 34, OT

In Detroit, a win, finally. Matt Prater kicked a 27-yard field goal with 2:29 left in overtime, and Detroit won for the first time this season.

Matthew Stafford heaved a 57-yard pass to Calvin Johnson to set up the kick for the Lions (1-5). Johnson finished with six receptions for 166 yards.

The Bears (2-4) had chances for a third straight comeback win.

Chicago's Robbie Gould kicked a 29-yard field goal as time expired in regulation. The tying score was set up by Darius Slay getting called for interference after Jay Cutler's 25- and

24-yard passes to Alshon Jeffery.

## Panthers 27, Seahawks 23

In Seattle, Cam Newton threw a 26-yard touchdown pass to Greg Olsen with 32 seconds left as Carolina remained unbeaten, rallying for a stunning win over Seattle.

Newton led the Panthers (5-0) to touchdowns on their final two possessions after trailing 23-14, the second straight week the Seahawks collapsed in the fourth quarter. Newton found Olsen wide open down the seam as All-Pro Earl Thomas and Richard Sherman looked at each other in confusion.

Newton was 12 of 15 for 162 yards in the fourth quarter and threw for 269 yards overall. He led the Panthers on a pair of 80-yard touchdown drives in the final period as the Panthers improved to 5-0 for the second time in franchise history.

It was the second straight week the Seahawks (2-4) suffered a late defensive meltdown.

## Jets 34, Redskins 20

In East Rutherford, New Jersey, Ryan Fitzpatrick threw two touchdown passes and ran for another score as the Jets overcame a sloppy first half.

Chris Ivory ran for 146 yards and a TD on 20 carries for the Jets, who improved to 4-1 for the first time since 2010. Brandon Marshall had seven catches for 111 yards, and Eric Decker also caught a TD. The Redskins are 2-4.

## Steelers 25, Cardinals 13

In Pittsburgh, Landry Jones threw two touchdown passes to Martavis Bryant in relief of Michael Vick as Pittsburgh rallied for the win.

Vick left in the third quarter with a hamstring injury and Pittsburgh's offense took off when Jones took over. Jones hit Bryant for an 8-yard score to give the Steelers (4-2) the lead. The two hooked up later for an 88-yard strike.

Jones completed 8 of 12 passes for 168 yards and the two scores. Bryant caught six passes for 137 yards in his first action of the season.

Carson Palmer threw for 421 yards with a TD and two interceptions. John Brown caught 10 balls for 196 yards for the Cardinals (4-2).

## Vikings 16, Chiefs 10

In Minneapolis, despite an erratic performance by Terry Bridgewater, Minnesota's tough defense and rookie wide receiver Stefon Diggs came through over mistake-prone Kansas City.

Alex Smith's 42-yard touchdown pass to Albert Wilson midway through the fourth quarter pulled the Chiefs within three points, but the Vikings (3-2) played well enough early to survive their ragged finish.

The Chiefs (1-5) had eight penalties for 95 yards.

Diggs had 129 yards on seven catches. Bridgewater threw two interceptions. Adrian Peterson,

AP  
New England Patriots running back LeGarrette Blount (29) celebrates a touchdown with quarterback Tom Brady (12) in the second half of an NFL football game against the Indianapolis Colts in Indianapolis, Sunday, Oct. 18, 2015.

who was on the sideline late in the game with the Vikings trying to put it away, finished with 60 yards on 26 carries.

## 49ers 25, Ravens 20

In Santa Clara, California, Colin Kaepernick completed a 76-yard touchdown pass to ex-Ravens star Torrey Smith, and Joe Flacco threw two interceptions as San Francisco beat Baltimore to end a four-game losing streak.

Phil Dawson kicked four field goals in the first win since Week 1 for San Francisco (2-4), while Anquan Boldin—a Super Bowl star for the Ravens against the Niners—made a 51-yard reception late that set up Quinton Patton's 21-yard TD catch.

Flacco's desperation pass to the end zone on the final play went incomplete.

The rematch of the Super Bowl three seasons ago featured a pair of last-place teams trying to turn around their seasons, and it showed in some sloppy play.

Steve Smith caught a 34-yard TD pass from Flacco in the third, but the Ravens (1-5) are reeling through the worst start in franchise history. Tough weekend for the Harbaugh brothers after Baltimore coach John Harbaugh's brother Jim's Michigan team lost Saturday to Michigan State on a botched punt.

## Dolphins 38, Titans 10

In Nashville, Tennessee, Cameron Wake got his first four sacks this season and also forced two fumbles—all in the first half—as Miami won in Dan Campbell's debut as interim coach.

The Dolphins (2-3) came in having lost three straight, costing coach Joe Philbin his job Oct. 5.

Miami finished with six sacks and two interceptions against Marcus Mariota. The rookie quarterback needed a knee brace and was replaced by Zach Mettenberger after the 2-minute warning.

Lamar Miller ran for 113 yards and a TD for Miami. The Titans (1-4) lost their fourth straight.

## Texans 31, Jaguars 20

In Jacksonville, Florida, Brian Hoyer threw three touchdown passes on third down, two to DeAndre Hopkins, for Houston.

The Jaguars (1-5) lost their fourth in a row and raised more questions about coach Gus Bradley's job security.

The Texans (2-4) started emptying the stadium midway through the fourth after Andre Hal returned an interception 41 yards for a touchdown and a 31-14 lead. It was the sixth pick-six thrown by Blake Bortles in 19 career starts.



# Murphy HRs again; Mets beat Cubs for 2-0 NLCS lead



**NEW YORK**  
(AP)—Say this for Daniel Mur-

phy and the New York Mets: They have their October formula down and are sticking with it.

Murphy homered off yet another ace to provide an early cushion for Noah Syndergaard, and the Mets breezed past Jake Arrieta the Chicago Cubs 4-1 Sunday night for a 2-0 lead in a surprisingly one-sided NL Championship Series.

Power, pitching, plus some dazzling defense - just like the Amazon' Mets of 1969.

"We've beaten some of the best the game has to offer," Mets captain David Wright said.

Baseball's most dominant pitcher since the All-Star break, Arrieta had not even settled in when Murphy homered for the fourth straight game, a two-run drive just inside the right-field pole in a three-run first inning.

"We're having a whole bunch of fun right now," said Murphy, who homered in the first inning for the second straight game and seems to have a reserved star-of-the-game seat in the interview room.

Given the quick lead on a chilly night, Syndergaard kept the bats of Chicago's young sluggers on ice with shutout ball into the sixth.

Curtis Granderson robbed Chris Coghlan of a likely home run with a leaping grab at the center-field wall, swiped a pair of bases and scored two runs for the Mets.

beating Clayton Kershaw, Zack Greinke, Jon Lester and Arrieta, the Mets are two wins from reaching their first World Series since 2000.

New York starts NL Rookie of the Year Jacob deGrom on Tuesday night at Wrigley Field. Rookie left-hander Steven Matz is set for Game 4, followed by Game 1 winner Matt Harvey on Thursday, if needed.

"They don't have the creden-

tials that Kershaw and Greinke and Lester and Arrieta have, but they're going to be good pitchers," Mets manager Terry Collins said. "We think we can stack up with anybody."

Chicago goes with Kyle Hendricks in Game 3. If the long-downtrodden Cubs are to reach the World Series for the first time since 1945, they must first force the best-of-seven NLCS back to Citi Field next weekend.

"We're all about one-game winning streaks," Chicago manager Joe Maddon said. "I know it's psychobabble 101, but it actually works."

After homering off Kershaw, Greinke and Lester, Murphy added his fifth home run of the postseason, giving him eight RBIs in seven games. He's one from matching Carlos Beltran's record of homering in five straight postseason games.

"He's about as locked in as I've seen a hitter," Wright said.

Long, blond locks flowing out the back of his cap, Syndergaard seems to be taking on a bit of Harvey's cockiness. He gained the nickname Thor—the Norse god known for fierce storms—after he tweeted a photo of himself in costume doing squats on Halloween two years ago.

Ahead of his start against the Cubs, Syndergaard changed the photo atop his Twitter page to a shot featuring lightning striking Chicago's famous Willis Tower.

Having made the first relief appearance of his big league career in Game 5 against the Dodgers, Syndergaard came out throwing darts at up to 99 mph until the sixth, when Dexter Fowler singled and scored on Kris Byrant's two-out double off the left-field wall.

"It makes pitching a lot more easy when you go out there and offense puts a three-spot on one of the best pitchers in the game right now," Syndergaard said.

Jon Niese came in and struck out Anthony Rizzo. Chicago didn't advance another runner



AP  
New York Mets' Daniel Murphy (28) reacts after teammate Curtis Granderson caught a ball hit by Chicago Cubs' Chris Coghlan (8) at the wall during the second inning of Game 2 of the National League baseball championship series Sunday, Oct. 18, 2015, in New York.

including Mets outfielder Yoenis Cespedes, who played on his 30th birthday.

Arrieta, who wore short sleeves, had not given up a first-inning run in 25 consecutive starts since May 29. With his velocity down slightly, he found himself trailing after nine pitches and down 3-0 after 13.

Granderson singled through the shift into right field for his ninth hit in 22 postseason at-bats. Wright, in a 1-for-19 playoff slide, drove a fastball on a hop off the center-field wall with Granderson running.

Murphy hit an 0-1 pitch about 10 feet to the foul side of the right-field pole, then reached down for a shin-high curveball and with a one-handed swing sent it just inside the pole. Murphy raised his right fist in triumph while rounding first base and took a curtain call after a prolonged ovation.

"The ambush early got us," Maddon said.

Granderson made his dashing defensive play in the second, leaping to get his glove to the top of the 8-foot wall just to the right of straightaway center.

"I was able to time it up, reel it in," Granderson said.

He walked leading off the third and stole second as Wright struck out. After Murphy was walked, Granderson swiped third, too—at Murphy's suggestion. He came home when Cespedes grounded to the shortstop hole for an infield single.

"Two tough games here, but the series is not over," Arrieta said. "We feel good where we're at."

## Blue Jays happy at home after 2 ALCS losses in Kansas City

**TORONTO** (AP)—Hip-hop music blared over the loudspeakers in an eerily empty, moodily lit Rogers Centre as Jose Bautista and the Toronto Blue Jays went through an easy workout on an off-day in the American League Championship Series.

With their backs against the wall again, there's no place they'd rather be.

"We're down 2-0 right now, we've got three games at home. These guys here, they're comfortable and we've definitely got the crowd behind us," outfielder Ben Revere said Sunday. "We definitely feel much more comfortable being back at home."

After Kansas City took the first two games at home, Game 3 is in Toronto on Monday

night. First pitch is set for 8:07 p.m. The Blue Jays' Marcus Stroman faces Kansas City's Johnny Cueto in a matchup of two Division Series Game 5 starters.

"This series is not over, not even close," defending AL champion Royals center fielder Lorenzo Cain said after testing the bounce of the turf and the glare of the light in the closed-roofed stadium.

The Blue Jays advanced to the ALCS with a win that featured one of the most bizarre innings in postseason history. Bautista capped that seventh inning with a monster home run—and equally big bat toss.

That was the last long ball the top slugging team in baseball this year has hit.

Toronto relied heavily on the

home run as it overcame the New York Yankees to win the East and it connected for 123 of its 232 homers this year at home. It then slugged its way to three straight wins over Texas after losing the first two at home in the ALDS.

In the chilly air of Kansas City, the Blue Jays scored just three runs and went deep none.

Now, they are more than ready to play in front of another raucous crowd that has filled their ballpark—and got rowdy in the deciding Game 5 against Texas. So much so, security should be beefed up for the ALCS.

No more deep alleys of Kauffman Stadium where their drives died. No more unfriendly fans who played tricks with Ryan Goins on the flyball that

pitcher five-hitter and sent the Cubs to consecutive losses for the first time since they dropped three in a row from Sept. 23-26. Arrieta had not

lost since July 25.

It was 45 degrees at game time with an 18 mph northwest wind. Some players wore balaclavas that covered their faces,

changed the tenor of Game 2, setting off a five-run rally that led to a 6-3 come-from-behind win for the Royals.

"Kansas City's park is really big," Revere said. "Some of the balls we were hitting there, they were going nowhere. Now we're back home, some of those balls that were crushed are going to go over the heads or go in the gaps more."

Of course, the Blue Jays will have to figure out a way to beat Cueto and his multitude of pitches. The Royals dreadlocked, trade-deadline acquisition from the Cincinnati Reds has found his dominant form after struggling in late summer. He gave up two runs in eight innings against Houston in Game 5 of the Division Series.

"He's just a guy that is con-

The Royals should have their hands full, too, with Stroman, the 24-year-old right-hander who made a speedy return from a torn left knee ligament in March and excelled down the stretch. He was 4-0 with a 1.67 ERA in four starts—he didn't return until after the testy series at end of July into August between the teams.

Stroman got that Game 5 start against Texas and now Toronto turns to him to help get them back in a series in which the odds are stacked against them: All but three of the previous 25 teams to take a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven era have won the series.

"He's got the 'it' factor," Blue Jays manager John Gibbons said. "It doesn't mean he's going to go out and dominate (Monday), but you have a great feeling every time he takes the mound because he can pull off something special."







# PCF Back On Our Feet Fundraising Event

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Members of the Pacific Century Fellows gather around for a group photo before the start of the Back On Our Feet Fundraising Event last Oct. 3 at the Garapan Fishing Base.



CNMI Crossfitters Salvi Villanueva, left, and Joey Tudela take part in the 5K run.



Mt. Carmel School president Galvin Deleon Guerrero takes part in the 5K run.



The Simiyan Mañaina-ta group performs the blessing song to keep the participants safe.



Several runners head back to the starting line.



Shirley's Coffee Shop general manager Susan Macario, right, enjoys the early morning activity.



Mamiko Berger paces herself.



Rep. Angel A. Demapan (R-Saipan), left, and Geri Dela Cruz pause to have their picture taken.



A dog and its owner also joined the fundraising event.



Keith Longuski, as expected, breezed through in the 5K run.



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## Islander rallies past MJD



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Islander handed MJD its first loss of the season after pulling off a 76-70 victory in their open division match in the 2015 San Antonio Community Action Network Basketball League last Sunday at the San Antonio court.



Islander came back from a 9-point deficit in the fourth quarter to barge into the win column and snap MJD's two-game winning streak. MJD folded in the final canto after making only 2 points in the last five minutes and change of the game.

Down 59-68, after MJD's Jun Estolas nailed a pair of free throws with 5:34 left on the clock, Islander dropped an 11-0 bomb capped by Mel Manibusan's banked shot in the paint to grab the upper hand, 70-68. A Jack Lizama jumper ended MJD's silence and tied the match, 70-all, going into the final two minutes of the game.

Teams traded misses and errors in the ensuing minute before Alex Lauron converted a baseline jumper to bring the lead back to Islander, while Estolas faltered on his drive on the other end. Jerry Diaz made it a 4-point cushion, 74-70, when he beat the 24-second shot clock as

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## CNMI to test offensive skills in EAFF tourney



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Players do dribbling drills during a tryout for the CNMI U13 National Team at the Oleai Sports Complex Field early this month.

Kirro Batino, Kirt Andon, Angelo Ada, Ian Maniago, Jhoey Noble, Lolo Benito, Reginald Pascual, Glenn Basillo, Justin Achas, Raseff Altamirano, Eunsyn Hahn, Jon Villagomez, Jason Quiamzon, David Meyers Jr., Kaden Church, and Blake Mister.

"We have a lot of players in

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The East Asian Football Federation Boys U13 Festival 2015 will give the CNMI U13 National Team an opportunity to showcase its offensive skills.

"Our national teams before (those who went to Laos and Thailand for Asian Football Confederation-sanctioned tournaments) were told to focus on defense to limit our opponent's goals, but this time, our U13 players will work on both ends of the pitch. We are also building a counter-attacking team," head coach Jersh Angeles said in an interview with *Saipan Tribune* last Sunday.

"This is the good thing with the festival—the players have the opportunity to showcase their skills both on the defensive and offensive ends because this is a developmental tournament," Angeles added. "The festival encourages participating teams to have balance on

their strategy—offense and defense together."

Angeles and assistant coach Takemoto Suzuki will be bringing in 18 players to the festival, which Guam will be hosting from Nov. 7 to 11. Right now, 25 are battling for the 18 spots and the final selection will be made at the conclusion of this week's training sessions.

"We will have one more week to decide who will be on the final roster. Right now, the players are doing well in the training sessions. We have five players who were members of the U14 National Team that competed in Beijing in the AFC festival last September and that's good news for us because experience is always a plus," Angeles said.

The Teen Ayuyus coach is talking about Thaiphai Austria, Mark Esalan, John Michael Roxas, Sebastien Manabat, and the Guam-based Eddie Cho. Completing the pool are Angelo Bergancia, Floyd Muna, siblings Taka and Ichiro Borja,



ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
Islander's Dexter Tenorio drives against MJD's Jack Lizama, left, and Cecilio Bisana, partly hidden, during the third quarter of their open division game in the San Antonio caging last Sunday at the San Antonio court.

## Dove women's league targets Oct. 24 opening

Organizers of the 2015 Dove Women's Football Fall League are eyeing an Oct. 24 opening.

The league will have two divisions and games will take place in separate venues. Division B games

will be played at the Koblerville Elementary School Field every Saturday, while Division A games every Sunday



will be held at the Oleai Sports Complex Field. Saturday matches at Koblerville are tentatively set for

9:30am and 10:30am, while the lone game at the Oleai pitch is slated at 2:30pm.

As of yesterday, three teams

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Dove is back as the sponsor of the NMIFA women's league, which aims to open its fall season this Saturday at the Koblerville Elementary School Field.